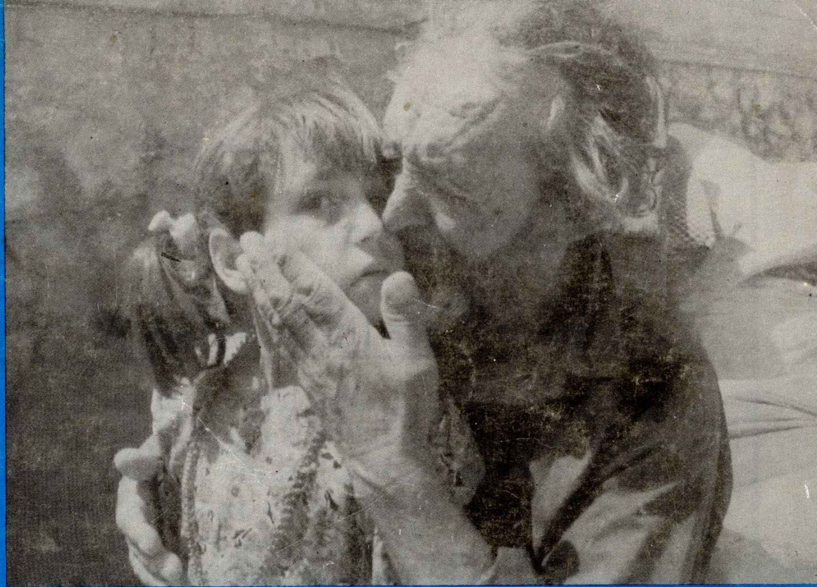




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RAWA remembers a martyred colleague

The MUSLIM February 5, 1993

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ISLAMABAD, Feb 4: The function arranged to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the martyrdom of Meena, founder of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, was attended by an audience that WAF would have been happy to see at one organised by them. Men, women, young girls and boys filled the hall of the Islamabad Hotel, applauding with enthusiasm as each speaker concluded her speech.

Meena — she is known only by this name — was born in Kabul in 1957. To fight for the freedom and prosperity of the people was her first priority and she recognised that women could play a major role in this endeavour. She said women were like sleeping lions who, when awoken, could play their due role in any social revolution. She established RAWA in 1977, at the age of twenty, and by sheer dint of hard work and courage, made it a success.

In her opinion "fundamentalists and fanatics are also sworn enemies of the people". But she urged the women to first help fight the aggressor, then the enemy within. Meena was invited to visit France for the Congress of the French Socialist Party and after a successful visit there as a representative of Afghan resistance, she visited other European countries and made an equally good impression on their leaders.

It was in 1987 on a fateful February 4 that this revolutionary was put to death by being buried alive by "KGB agents and fundamentalists". Thus at the age of 27, Meena became a martyr.

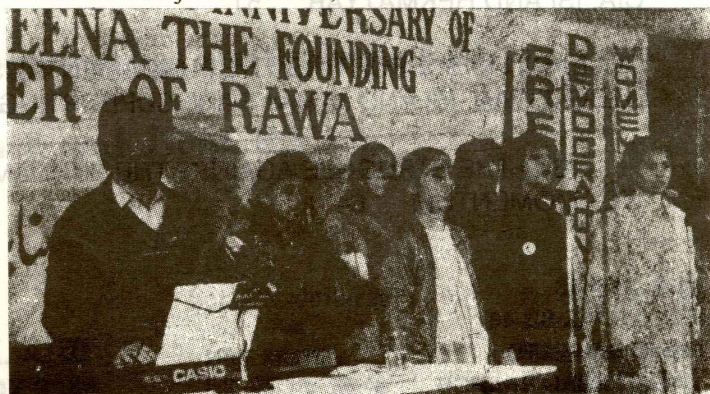
Since April last year the members of RAWA have vowed "We must liberate ourselves from fundamentalism and any other slavery or sacrifice our lives". In their opinion, "the fundamentalist parties, which lack support from the public, find no other way to stay in power than by resorting to violence, terrorism and misuse of religion, and are backed by regimes who do not want to see a united and peaceful Afghanistan."

The anti-fundamentalist stand was echoed by all speakers, whether they spoke in Urdu, Persian or English. Quoting instances from history and to the present day the speakers recalled the role played by the fundamentalist forces for their own betterment and glory. How fundamentalists resort to playing with the religious sentiments of the masses and brand people with labels like "Kurf" 'un-Islamic" etc. How secular nations are much more prosperous than those who adhere to fundamentalism, which is poles apart from democracy. The Afghan people believe that only when these forces are defeated will peace come to Afghanistan.

The function began an hour late and Dr Nurjehan Panezai, Deputy Chairperson of the Senate, regretted her absence at the last minute, causing people to wonder if she had been pressurised not to attend because of the revolutionary tone of the occasion. Banners on the walls proclaimed "Death or Democracy", "Dependence on foreign powers plus reactions plus terrorism, plus ignorance equal fundamentalism" and so on. It was nice to see the men supporting the women in their cause and what was even more thought provoking was the fact that most of the female participants were firm in their resolve and spoke very sincerely.

RAWA is fighting for the rights of women, democracy and freedom. The members have vowed to continue their struggle until they have achieved their object and they appealed to all like-minded people for support.

There were some clothes and other items for sale, the returns from which go to support the organisation. The sound system of the hotel was not very good so sometimes it was difficult to hear anything, and the speeches were far too long and far too many.



Girls singing a song in memory of RAWA founder at a function on Thursday — Staff Photo

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Afghan speakers denounce fundamentalism as solution to present crisis

RAWA holds function to commemorate martyrdom anniversary of founding leader, Shaheed Meena

By Rukhsana Aslam

ISLAMABAD: Political parties, supporting the doctrine of fundamentalism, came under severe attack by speakers at a function, which was held to commemorate the sixth martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed Meena, the founding leader of Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA).

Considered the national heroine of Afghan women's struggle for freedom, democracy and equality, Shaheed Meena was killed six years ago in Quetta, on February 4, 1987. It was reported that her murder was planned by KHAD agents and fundamentalists.

The speakers said fundamentalism was not a way of life but a garb to hide away individual and collective hypocrisies. "Fundamentalism is dependent on foreign powers, reaction, terrorism and ignorance," was how they explained the term. The banners hanging there were inscribed with slogans like: 'Death to Fundamentalism. Long Live Democracy.'



Afghan students singing poem to pay homage to RAWA leader, Shaheed Meena, at her sixth martyrdom anniversary.—Photo by Razaq Sher Khan

Those who spoke on the occasion, included Ms Asifa, Mrs Hameed, Arifa, Ms Shukria, Ms Shehla, Ms Safia, Fazal Ahmed Qazi and Matloob Ahmed. They said whether united or dispersed, the struggle against fundamentalism must remain alive.

A woman speaker refuted the concept that fundamentalism was the part and parcel of religion. She said the organisation's democratic yearning was not inspired by secularism but was based on justice and equality. While another speaker said that the concept of secularism was distorted in the Muslim states. She said secularism did not negate religion rather religion is its best vanguard.

The speakers bemoaned the increasing social and religious intolerance in the societies and termed it as a negative outcome of fundamentalism. They said democracy wis not contrary to Islamic teachings as even Quaid-e-Azam had rejected the concept of theocratic state.

Fazal Ahmed Qazi said that today's women could not be chained, no matter in how conservative society she is living. Matloob Ahmed traced out the roots and insurgence of fundamentalism in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He said such rigid attitudes sprung simultaneously in both the countries due to the desire of certain factions to establish rule on the basis of religion. The speakers deplored the fact that the support of the Muslim world to the suffering Muslims of Bosnia has been restricted to conferences and resolutions only.

They paid glowing tributes to the founding leader of RAWA, Shaheed Meena, for taking the torch of freedom in her hands and giving her life for a noble cause.

Mrs Hameed, who gave an eyewitness account of current affairs in Afghanistan, said the rate of rapes, massacres, extra-judicial killings, murders and social injustice was at rampant increase.

She regretted that Pakistani media was not giving an accurate account of the atrocities in Afghanistan. She appealed that moral and financial assistance to the Afghan regime be immediately stopped.

A poem by Shaheed Meena, 'I will never return' was also read on the occasion. A group also sang a revolutionary song about a freedom fighter who was a martyred.

At the end of the function, an appeal was signed and read out, which demanded the arrest and punishment of the murderers of Shaheed Meena.

Meena the Woman Who is Shining on the Top of Afghan Freedom Struggle

Sister Meena was born on 1957 in Kabul. During her school time, Kabul and other large cities were engulfed with student and mass movements. Those days, Meena gained her first political experiences which later on got more and more matured. To fight for the freedom and prosperity of our people became such a sacred ideal to her that she left the university to devote her as a professional struggler to organize the women-folk. She was of the opinion that our women are like sleeping lions who when awaked and move, would play a tremendous role in any Afghan social revolution. But, in her view the women without their own organization will have nothing. Therefore in 1977 she established RAWA as the first patriotic women's organization. Meena was one of the first revolutionary women who knew deeply and scientifically about the treacherous nature of Parcham and Khalq parties and imperialistic nature of the Soviet Union before its invasion into Afghanistan. After the occupation, Meena placed independence struggle at the top of RAWA's action program. She started to experience her hardest fighting time. Meena was known to the enemy and under the fascist persecution of Soviets and their lackeys, she was travelling at the risk of her very life to propagate anti-occupation ideas among the women and organize them. To give her wholly to political work, she had deprived her from visiting her family and dear ones. In 1981, she published "Payam-e-Zan" (The Message of Woman) from Kabul. Through this and numerous leaflets she wrote about the vital significance of independence, democracy and social justice for Afghanistan and the meaning of real emancipation of the women in particular.

In the course of her years struggle, she had rightly concluded that: "fundamentalists are also sworn enemies of our people. They are making troubles in our anti-Russian resistance. In a word, to fight against the Russian aggressors is inseparable from struggle against the fundamentalists. Nevertheless for the time being we should give priority to the former."

In the end of 1981, Meena was invited by the government of France as representative of Afghan resistance to participate in the Congress of French Socialist Party. There, she was unprecedentedly lauded. When she was waving a V signal and the participants were cheering, the Soviet delegation headed by Boris Ponamaryev were forced to leave the Congress. After France, she took the opportunity to pay visit to several other European countries and meet their distinguished personalities.

In spite of her preoccupation in leading RAWA inside the country, she succeeded to set up a hospital, a nursing course, a women working place and two schools in Quetta for the benefit of women refugees.

Although the KGB, KHAD and the fanatic parties made a lot of shameless propaganda against RAWA and Meena herself however, RAWA gained ever increasing credibility and undeniable entity as the sole women's resistance organization in the political arena of Afghanistan.

All this couldn't but provoked wild wrath of the KGB and fundamentalists. They had already found their most militant and unvanquished enemy in Meena personality.

At last, in Feb. 4th, 1987, the KGB agents and their fundamentalist accomplices shed the blood of Meena and her two aides. Thus the filthy enemies ecstatically danced to the tune of the Soviets.

Martyrdom of Meena was the typical embodiment of her own inspiring words: "Now that our beloved motherland has been trampled by the Russian invaders, it is up to us to fight even to sacrifice our very lives for Afghanistan and thus try to set the examples of Malalais and Jean de arcs far more glorious. " And Meena has placed herself on the top of our liberation movements. Her legend will go far beyond the boundaries of Afghanistan.

Although Meena has been eliminated physically but the path crimsoned with her innocent blood, would be firmly followed by her followers and all freedom- loving Afghan women.



This is the translation of an inspiring poem
by Meena published in "Payam-e-Zan", No. 1, 1981

I'll never return

I'm the woman who has awoken
I've arisen and become a tempest through the ashes of my burnt children
I've arisen from the rivulets of my brother's blood
My nation's wrath has empowered me
My ruined and burnt villages replete me with hatred against the enemy
O' compatriot, no longer regard me as weak and incapable,
I'm the woman who has awoken,
I've found my path and will never return.
I've opened closed doors of ignorance
I've said farewell to all golden bracelets
O' compatriot, I'm not what I was
I' m the woman who has awoken
I've found my path and will never return.
I've seen barefoot, wandering and homeless children
I've seen henna-handed brides with mourning clothes
I've seen giant walls of the prisons swallow freedom in their ravenous stomach
I've been reborn amidst resistance, courage and epics
I've learned the song of freedom in the last breaths, in the waves of blood and in victory
O' compatriot, O' brother, no longer regard me as weak and incapable
With all my strength I'm with you on the path of my land's liberation.
My voice has mingled with thousands of arisen women
My fists are clenched with fists of thousands compatriots
Along with you I've stepped up to the path of my nation,
To break together all these sufferings all these fetters of slavery.
O' compatriot and O' brother, I'm not what I was
I'm the woman who has awoken
I've found my path and will never return.

OPENING SPEECH

by Mrs Hameeda Rana who was also presiding over the function

Dear sisters and brothers,

On behalf of Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan let me express gratitude from the core of my heart to esteemed guests who have been kind enough to accept our invitation. We are profoundly grateful to all friends for attending this function on the 6th martyrdom anniversary of Meena the founder and leader of RAWA.

Dear friends, at the moment we are sitting here you are would be well aware of the fact that, our heart and according to Allama Iqbal the "heart of Asia", Afghanistan and particularly our elegant Kabul is bleeding. The inhabitants of our devastated capital city, are being butchered at the hands of the people who Meena used to term them as "internal aggressors" and accurately predicted that "if these butchers ever capture the power, they will surpass the Russian aggressors in perpetrating crimes and other evils." And now we are being lost in such a misery.

Esteemed audience,

We have not gathered here simply to shed tears in the irksome agony of the absence of Meena, the woman who had been struggling to uphold the flag of freedom and democracy throughout her life and finally sacrificed her blood for the motherland and people.

She had herself been saying that "whenever any of the comrades-in-arms loses his life we should not confine our-selves to mourning rather we should more strongly keep aloft the fallen banner." Meena was complete symbol of this Vietnamese verse: "When some of the fighters fall, they infuse fresh strength in the movement."

And our freedom movement as a whole and RAWA in particular have really gained momentum from the blood of Meena.

We as well as every individual and pro-democracy organization consider that the noblest way to praise Meena is steadfastly treading her path.

Now the anguish and indignation of Meena's martyrdom has been dissolved in the more painful grief of catastrophe of our country by the fundamentalists.

The tragedies caused by the fundamentalists in Afghanistan have dried the tears in our eyes.

Availing ourselves of the present short opportunity, we would be satisfied if we could invite the attention of our friends to the moan and voice of our compatriots, the people who have been betrayed by the fanatics and their foreign patrons at the threshold of freedom, the people who are burning in the flames and are being slaughtered by the cleaver of fundamentalism but are not ready to yield to the criminals in the garb of Islam.

Meena was a devoted admirer of such unvanquished people. Paying tribute to Meena on her sixth martyrdom anniversary, let us say with the poet:

I just want to say that my mind is richer for your thoughts,

My humanity prouder for your actions.

My life less acceptable for your death

My death more acceptable for your life.

The following four articles published here, were presented in English, Urdu or Pushto at the function.

MEENA AND HER STRUGGLE

(Excerpts)

Meena who, in the most difficult conditions hoisted the banner of freedom, democracy and social justice, in fact were relying to the strength of half of our population. Thus she did not belong to our Association only. She had turned into the brilliant symbol of our women's and even nation's freedom struggle.

Meena and the RAWA under her leadership, rigorously defied the "decree" according to which the fundamentalists and other anti-woman groups, regarding the anti-Soviet war as an especial "male" business, tried their utmost to keep the women unaware and away of the war, for they knew it well that. whenever the women step into the liberation battlefield of the masses, their consciousness will be raised and they will advance gradually from the national liberation struggle to the struggle for social freedom which includes the breaking up of all fetters clamped on them in the brutal anti-woman society.

The emergence of Meena in the history of our women's struggle has been rightly recognized as a turning point. Before her, the appearance of all the women who by shedding their blood, left the sign of the woman in the politics, were mostly coincided with foreign invasion into Afghanistan and therefore their activities had a nationalistic color only. But for Meena national freedom without social freedom, without domination of democracy was absolutely worthless. In her opinion an Afghanistan without democracy and securing the women's rights was never a free Afghanistan. When the obscurantist thoughts and criminal acts of the fundamentalists had brought a bad name to the resistance, she by putting forward and defending democratic values, woman's rights and making the participation of the women in the resistance practicable, she got the liberation war a credit. Her blood has crimsoned not only the banner of national struggle but also the banner of movement for democracy and social justice.

This is the main characteristic which places her above all the fighting women in the past.

Meena started her determined anti- fundamentalist struggle in such a situation which even "big" non- fundamentalist parties were dreadfully fearing Gulbadin's terrorism. This reality itself treats these politicians with utmost contempt who stupidly deny the determination and courage of the women.

With her struggle, teachings and finally with her heroic martyrdom, she inspires thousands of the Afghan women to persist on freedom and their rights and relying on their own identity and strength will never bow down before the fundamentalists or any other reactionary force.

To celebrate Meena's memory, personality, struggle and teachings is not at all a mere ceremonial act, it means defending the dignity and honor of the Afghan women; it means to be sincere and staunch in fighting against fundamentalism and for freedom and democracy. □



MARTYRED MEENA AT THE CONGRESS OF FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY (1981)

"Women are like sleeping lions who when awaken, could play their wonderful role in any social revolution"

This is the full text of a letter by Sister Nawab sent from Kabul to be read out at the function.

TRIBALISM IS ANOTHER DEVILISH TRAP OF FUNDAMENTALISM

Dear Friends,

You are sitting among a few of my sisters, the members of Revolutionary Association of the Woman of Afghanistan. Although the sixth martyrdom anniversary of our Meena is being observed in Pakistan outside our country even after the fall of the puppet regime, and you are certainly going to pay attention to the talks about Afghanistan, but I am sure none of you can visualize the factual and overall picture of my country after April 1992. All what you collect occasionally through your own or global mass media, represents at its best, only a defective and distorted picture of the reality. Sometimes we feel that the foreign journalists are not to be blamed, since they call the hell a hell and then simply leave it upto the reader or the listener to precisely determine what shall happen inside the hell.

However it looks as if it is difficult to describe a fairly complete and comprehensive picture of my country, and this, I can feel myself. If I attempt to mould myself into a cold-hearted and indifferent journalist void of all emotions who wants to prepare his report exclusively in line with his profession, still I cannot, and am at a loss to determine as from where to obtain the picture of this destructed land in a way so that you may reach to the depth of unprecedented and dreadful tragedy of the history of a freedom-loving nation.

Can a stanza from the poetry of a mature poet whose heart beats with those of the people, define the extent of miseries and unbearable agonies of our people? Nay! My sisters and myself have heard plenty of verses mourning Afghanistan and its beautiful Kabul, but none of them can stand to reflect the agony of even one among hundreds of those families whose young daughter or son has been kidnapped by the "'Jehadi" rapists. In my land, one can witness the incidents of Somalia and also a thousand times worst and filthier than the brutal confrontations of Yugoslavia. The elegies all over the world cannot express the sorrows and grievances of our homeland.

For many, the passage of time causes the lightening in severity of sorrows of the martyrdom of a comrade-in-arms. But this is not possible for us. It is so because no woman other than she had ever gone into the depth of views and objectives of the fascists and again, no woman other than she had ever explained so precisely and accurately the conditions under which the claws of the aforementioned fascists penetrated into the heart of our nation. And if she was alive now, the freedom movement of our women against the fundamentalists certainly would have been bestowed with greater and brighter fighting power. On the one side, we are bound to witness the destruction of our country by the fundamentalist vultures while on the other we feel the absence of the woman whose personality and struggles had shaken both, the KGB and the fundamentalists. In such a situation, the memories of martyred

Meena multiplies our sorrows.

Respectable Friends,

After the invasion of fundamentalists in Afghanistan, perhaps most of you visualize our country, with the exception of other areas, the capital city lacks drinking water and electricity, there is no petrol and no kerosene oil and firewood which can stop the penetration of fatal cold waves or that the meat and other essential commodities of prime requirement have been turned into more luxurious items that can be available in most famine stricken lands on earth; or there is prevailing the law of the jungle where executions are carried out without trials; or where shelterless women are requesting strangers to provide a religious covering for their daughters by accepting them as their legal wives simply to save their babies from becoming victims of Jehadis; or Kabul is a place where no newspaper is published because the only equipped printing press in the city has fallen a target of rockets and acts of plundering; or is it so that for nearly a year, the doors of any school or any educational institution have been opened; or that our young generation is suffering more than before from unemployment and rate of suicide and addiction to hashish and heroin has drastically gone up; or that fundamentalists intend to drive away our women from society by imposing upon them the so called Islamic veil simply on the pretext of Islam after the lapse of forty years when they were liberated from the Chador; or is it so that after Hitler's mass incineration and book burning in the twentieth century, now the foreign adoring fundamentalists fry their opponents inside the containers and while the illiteracy rate in Afghanistan is the highest in the world, the so-called minister for eduction and culture celebrates the function of book burning; or where the unending rainfall of rockets shot by Gulbadin tear to pieces the bodies of more than 10000 People and their corpses lay deteriorating in the streets without being buried for days. ...Ah! What more can I say? You have probably read in the papers or heard on the radio about the sorrowful tales of the nation that has been subjected to disgrace by the fundamentalists. But the above-mentioned Chengiz-like crimes and treacheries that make a person shiver was not a thundering light for our people in spite of the fact that these served as fatal blows on them. Because the people throughout the world must know that during the past 14 years, in all places where there were signs of the presence of fundamentalists they (people) have experienced and encountered numerous crimes and treacheries. Our unfortunate women and men from the outset of the fundamentalists coming to power, could see the stains of blood of their noble intellectual sons and daughters on their sleeves; many unfortunate women and men were stoned to death at the hands of these inhuman gangsters.

Dear friends, now that you are sitting here, please keep in mind that in the slaughter-house, in the torture house and in the bereaved neighbourhood of yours by the name of Afghanistan, lies not only the issue of domination of unprecedented bloody injustice on the part of upstart and bloodthirsty fascists. It is basically the matter of survival and existence of a nation and the land which has been living united and integrated for centuries and which forced a superpower to bow down, but is now bound to embrace the fate of disintegration.

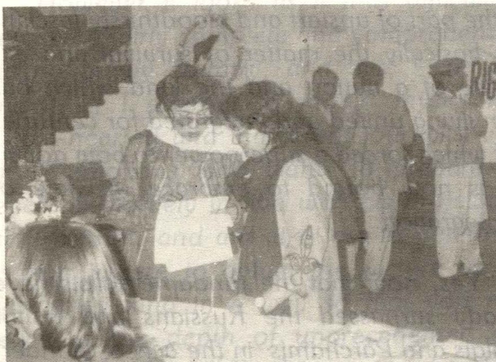
Yes, now that the fundamentalists have already surpassed the Russians and traitor Khalqis and Parchamis in the acts of plundering, larceny and shedding the blood of young and old, men and women, is not very important. The most significant misery is that



Sabir Kashmiri from JKLF, Fazil Ahmad Ghazi, Dr. Matloob Ahmad and Prof. Nisar Safdar spoke on the occasion.



A scene of the packed venue of the function



The guests examined with great interest an exhibition of RAWA's handicrafts, audio cassettes and literature at the end of the function.



Tea and Afghani "Bolani" followed at the end of the function

while they have deprived the people of their identity, culture and national traditions, now they are set forth to tear apart the national integrity. It is for this reason that we say the treachery resulting from the black presence of fundamentalists in Afghanistan has taken an other hue.

Until yesterday, there was only one superpower that had set its greedy eyes on our country but its insorbriety had not yet reached the climax when itself tore apart. But now it is because of the slave like affiliation of fundamentalists with several powers and it is on the instructions of those countries that the fundamentalists have placed Afghanistan on the verge of fatal precipice. This time our nation's combat shall be against more than one enemy and on more than one front. After the tiresome war for 14 years and having rendered sacrifices of more than ten per cent of the population, we are still in the dark as to what costly destructions the second oppressive war is going to deliver to our nation.

But one point is clear, numerous historical experiences have proved that in case the probable disintegration of Afghanistan actually takes place, then in such an event, its neighbouring states shall be deprived of peace and tranquility; neither the fundamentalists' masters could feel the taste of achievement of their ominous aspirations nor the real agents of such historical treason could keep themselves safe for a long time from facing the violent anger and sword of our nation.

To fight against the plague of fundamentalism is the duty of every noble freedom lover in every part of the world. But leaders of some political parties of Pakistan with their wooden swords have headed to fight against this or that gang of fundamentalists. On the basis of Gulbadin's futile and nonsense claim that the Islamic fundamentalism caused the disintegration of former Soviet Union and the eastern Europe, they have developed this idea that the Soviet Union was shattered due to flourishing of nationalism there and our age is the age of national movements and not the victory of Islamic fundamentalism! This is a fact that it is not the characteristic of our age that the Islam of the fundamentalists has achieved glorious victory. But only the insane brains of the fundamentalists do not agree to this fact. The Islamic fundamentalists could not succeed in any country on the basis of superiority of their ideology over the others and thus secure a ruling position.

The root of the fundamentalists' success in the elections of this or that country should be searched within the economic and social factors irrespective of their ideological or political attraction. The concept the axis of which is embedded by terrorism, political non-tolerance, rejection of democratic principles, brazen violation of women's rights and promotion of medieval prejudices, shall under no circumstances win the hearts and minds of people in today's world of computer technology and other scientific developments.

As many analysts say, if it was not for the bankrupt economy supplemented by continuation of the single party inefficient regime for several decades in Algeria, the fundamentalists could never have made felt their existence so significant in the political arena of that country. In Lebanon too, it was because of the money, influence and interference of Iran that the fundamentalists were able to achieve certain success. The extreme hatred and hard opposition of the Central Asian states towards the fundamentalism is considered a highly insulting blow upon this system which is an arch-enemy of democracy.

Sooner or later, the dazzling light of spears raised in search of freedom and democracy

and against the religious fascism shall emerge from behind the Hindukush and Pameer mountains of our fundamentalist-stricken country.

However, let us suppose that there might be four or five countries in the world with fundamentalists ruling over them, yet it is no match and carry no significance in comparison to tens of other Muslim states that are deeply averse to medievalism under the cover of Islam. The fundamentalists have to be extremely disgraceful and living in daydreaming that by referring to such shaky and isolated regimes, they call the contemporary era theirs.

As it has been stated earlier, at the same time, it would be superficial and insane that the contemporary era be named as the era of restoration of nationalism.

Undoubtedly in declaring the independence of former Soviet sates, the suppression of rights of the smaller states by Moscow is an important factor but in no way, is it the dominant factor. The upsurge of the people of Russia and other states was primarily and basically against the party and corrupt and unpopular regime which by enjoying the absolute authority, had made lives miserable not only in non-Russian republics but also for the people of Russia. If the motive was only nationalism, then why didn't the storm shook the land of a ruling national (Russia) earlier than other reublics, and that too with much greater severity? If nationalism can serve as panacea then why armed confrontations getting worse with the passing of each day in Tajikestan and Azarbaijan? In the most tense area, e.g. Tajikestan, is the battle going on between two tribes or is it between the forces which are from head to toe dependant on the international and regional fundamentalist reaction on one side and the anti-fundamentalist progressive forces on the other? We discussed the matter with a number of Tajik refugee women and came to know that the battle going on in their land is not between tribes but is between the enlightened freedom-loving forces and the ill-minded mercenaries of the most reactionary parties and governments. By the way, does the receipt by political and religious groups of Tajikestan of the assistance from the fundamentalist gangs of Afghanistan not perfectly prove their dark, retarded, hateful and ugly nature?

It is not possible to encounter the fundamentalism, the filthiest instrument of reactionaries and imperialism with the rusted weapon of nationalism.

If the judgement has to be made on the basis of tribe and nation then it can easily be predicted that every now and then, the followers of sectarianism might think of embracing the most hated representatives of the fundamentalism in Afghanistan. Have we not witnessed such expressions and even acts emanating from the said reactionary stance?

In our opinion the days are gone when the great Khans and Maliks with the accomplicity of their cruel regimes, would easily and without any trouble take the leadership of freedom movements of tribes.

The masses of tribes are desirous of freedom from the chains and iron collars which their chieftains affiliated to the ruling parties, have tied to their hands and feet. In the first instance, the revolutions dependent on tribalism cannot secure a foothold, and even if it does, it will swallow its illegitimate offsprings because they shall cause to hinder in the way of its progress and fulfilment of their freedom-loving aspirations.

Our fundamentalists are devils and hypocrites to the extent that they shall not hesitate to use norrow-nationalistic and tribalistic slogans instead of the mottos "Islam has no boundaries" and "the Muslim Umma" to enable them to make the sectarian and tribal insanes follow them. They can clearly see that they shall never be able to deceitfully gather the masses around them merely on the basis of their fundamentalistic thinkings. But they could, on the other hand, accomplish their sinister objectives by raising the tribalistic slogans and fomenting national contradictions.

It is for this reason that Afghanistan is burning in the hell of sectarian and religious differences created by the fundamentalists.

If such a hell was not brought into being by them, the society would have worn a political attire as a result of which, the fundamentalists' scummy and parasitic essence would have been disclosed much earlier.

During the days when the Soviet occupants were present in our homeland, nationalism was considered an uptrend and a revolutionary idea but now that our deeply bereaved people are faced to barbaric and monstrous invasion on their very existence, raising the slogan of tribalism or defending it, means nothing else but treason to the people and the country and falling prey to the fundamentalists.

The freedom-loving and pro democracy forces shall be able to take steps towards safeguarding the national and religious equality and integrity and survival of Afghanistan only under the banner of "All tribes against the fundamentalism".

Dear audience,

Today in our Afghanistan which gives the disgusting stench of fundamentalists, all the people especially the intellectuals raise



Ms Tahmina narrating the latest crimes of the fundamentalists in the ghost city of Kabul.

the joint slogan that: as we struck a fatal blow on the jaws of the "bear" superpower, are now determined and are capable to drive away the swine of fundamentalism from our country within no time in order to preserve the integrity and dignity of Afghanistan, provided that the umbilical cord of these treacherous fascists is amputated from the navel of their foreign masters.

In this context, the best possible assistance of the people and the freedom-loving forces in the neighbouring countries in the prevailing situation would be persisting in irreconcilable and persevering struggle against their own fundamentalist groups and also determined struggle to discontinue the vital bonds between their governments and the blood-sucking, anti-democratic and anti-woman gangs in our country.

This is the only way that can guarantee the strengthening of sincere, durable and useful friendly relations between our nation and those of the neighbouring countries.

We thank you before hand for acceding and covering our message.

DOWN WITH THE SECTARIANISM AND TRIBALISM!
LONG LIVE SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL SECTS AND TRIBES OF AFGHANISTAN AGAINST FUNDAMENTALISM!

Kabul - 20 January 1992



Mohammad Afzal Khan, PDA MNA and Deputy Opposition Leader in the National Assembly said that Gulbadeen would also be amongst the participants as no one can deny him as Pukhtoon.

Pakistan Observer,
August 28,1992



An Afghan boy sits on a garbage bag while his brother collects rocket debris in downtown Kabul. AFP photo

WE MUST LIBERATE OURSELVES FROM FUNDAMENTALISM AND ANY OTHER SLAVERY OR SACRIFICE OUR LIVES!

During the days when Afghanistan was still under the Soviet occupation, our sagacious leader Meena used to tell us, her followers: "notwithstanding that the fundamentalist parties headed by the Party of Gulbadin have been committing treasons and many a crime against our country and the people, we ought not to direct our struggle mainly against them because the most important issue is the independence of our homeland, hence we must employ all our capabilities to fight against the invading Soviet Union. But once the invaders retreat, our real task shall be to struggle against the anti-democratic and anti-freedom forces."

Since April last year it has become evident to all that the time has come when we must start our resistance against fundamentalism which is dragging Afghanistan towards disintegration. Fundamentalism shall lead our country to annihilation should it not be checked by the freedom-loving and democracy-loving movement.

During the year after April 1992, when we were talking about struggle against the fundamentalism and raised the slogan "either democracy or death", there was no scarcity of elements and the Pakistani press who failed to capture our ideas and resorted to either condemning our cause or disregarding what we say. Therefore they would, directly or indirectly, fall victim to shameful defence of the fundamentalists and their malodorous fragment, the Gulbadin band. Whenever a press release from RAWA disclosing the affinity or betrayals or crimes of, for example, Gulbadin appeared in the press, of course with head and tail curtailed, a highly attractive interview of a color report was printed the same day either from himself or from his party. This means press freedom for the fundamentalists and censoring and suffocation for anti fundamentalists! A Pakistani newspaper while referring to the recent crimes of fundamentalists in Kabul explains the disgusting reality of Pakistani papers' all praise for Gulbadin policy in the following way:

> *"The denunciation of Peshawar Accord by Jamaat-i-Islami is quite understandable, so is its open advocacy of Hekmatyar's case, but what is incomprehensible is the attitude of Pakistani press towards the developments in Afghanistan. Since the installation of the interim administration in Afghanistan, quite a number of Pakistani newspapers carry stories released by Afghanistan media agency based in Peshawar.*
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> *This agency is controlled by Gulbadin Hekmatyar, hence the Pakistani press is*

allowing itself to become a tool for the projection of Hezb-i-Islami. So misleading reports about Afghanistan have been published in the Pakistani press that Professor Mujaddedi, on his first visit to Pakistan as the Afghan head of state, strongly protested against the attitude of the Pakistani press. He had also severely criticized the policies pursued by Jamaat-i-Islami, particularly its amir Qazi Hussain Ahmad" ("'The Frontier Post" 23rd September 1992)

In our opinion, the fundamentalist parties which lack any backing from the masses find no other way to usurp and perpetuate their power except resorting to violence, terrorism and misusing the religion, also consider the press as a vital source for impositioning and demonstrating themselves. During the past fourteen years, they have constantly been utilizing both sources, the bullet and the paper to the highest possible extent but the latter one (press) could flourish only in a country like Pakistan where it did serve them in the best possible manner. Such facility was available neither in Afghanistan nor in Iran. Should we consider the role played by C.I.A. and I.S.I. in elevating the fundamentalists from zero to the fiercest war-lords as 60% then the part of the press shall be no less than 40%.

But it would be worthwhile to point out here that their sordid dependence on foreigners to the extent of treason should multiplies our hatred towards their meanness covered under the umbrella of religion a hundred times more than what we would wish to condemn the said intelligence apparatus.

Yet it is hoped that with the increasing disclosure of the nature of fundamentalists as medieval-minded murderers, the Pakistani press shall try to offset the partial propaganda in favor of unenlightened terrorists to some extent through defending the democracy in Afghanistan.

Some people talk insipidly of lack of unity among the so-called "Jehadi forces" without even knowing who with whom to be united. Unity with those who time and again have not honored their own vows and commitments? How can the hungry wolves form unity who are sitting mouths open over the corpse of political power? Their only thoughts and objective is to tear apart each other so as to solely own the prey. Most importantly, we would like to ask: what good their 'unity' shall serve our nation? Is it for the hoax that they should unite so as to cruelly betray their people easily and more inhumanly for longer periods? Their durable unity with the three parties is also not predictable since the majority of the people of those parties bear non-confidence, deep and indelible hatred against the fundamentalists. They treat the commitments and signing agreements by fundamentalists as merely tactics of deception. If the wish or effort to forge unity among the fundamentalists to enable them to rule more despotically in the country doesn't stem from a treacherous intention against our land and people then it shall undoubtedly be a silly thought.

The Afghan nation has been facing most unfortunate condition while these fundamentalists are not united, what to speak of the day when these hyenas get united. Only those worry and feel uneasy from the dispersion of Afghan fundamentalist groups who are least concerned about the pride of our homeland like a free country developed on the principles of democracy.

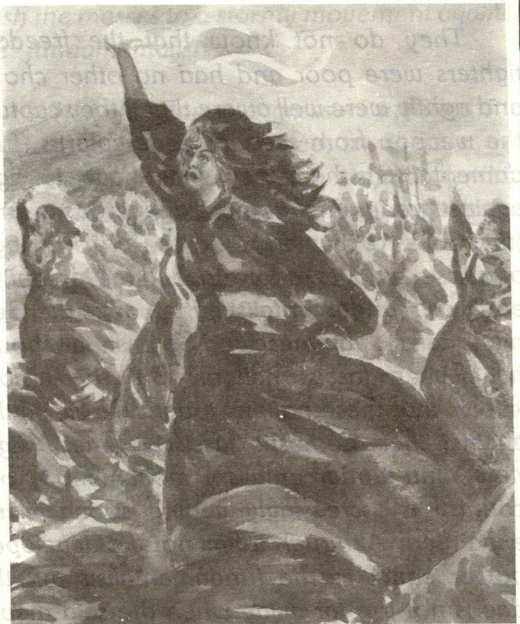
For example there are groups in Pakistan which use their utmost strength not to allow

ARISE O' WOMEN

The translation of a song which was sung at the function by the students of "Watan" school.

Take up your guns
As a flood of wrath and hatred
We must go to war
Breaking the chains of slavery
Kindle your shining struggle
Do not delay
Call on the land of blood
At this era
Arise O' women as a flood
Against the enemies
Our freedom flag
With democracy emblem
Is shining as a burning sun
In this burnt land
Let's O' sister and mother
Arise
To heal the injured heart of the motherland
And uproot the enemy.
Hurry up,
You must know who is the enemy.
If there is a conscience and honor
It doesn't worth to live in silence.
Nobody comes to help us
Unless we all arise.
The sapling of the women's struggle
We are sure
Would be watered.
In the name of the Afghan dignity
Arise O' women
As a rock of faith
As Meena.





Jama'at Islami of Qazi Hussain Ahmed to enter the political arena and prove its existence to be worthwhile not to speak of their coming to power. But why should they attempt to bring the gang of Gulbadeen the dirtiest replica of Jama'at Islami to power with their own or accomplices' coalition? Why do they invite the Afghans to feast on the rotten meat which they themselves throw away?

Our people shall continue their struggle against the fundamentalists whether united or dispersed. Only those countries, groups and personalities shall be considered as our friends and well-wishers who, if not supporting our people in this struggle, do not binder in their way.

Some quarters while speaking in favor of fundamentalists' influence in Afghanistan advocate that since our country is an underdeveloped one which has not yet seen the light of democracy, hence they accept the fundamentalists' domination with pleasure! But they do not visualize the very hard and intricate conditions of the war of resistance.

They do not know that the freedom fighters were poor and had no other choice and rightly were well aware that if they capture the weapon from second grade culprits (fundamentalists) then they shall have to fight against grade one but more dangerous culprits (the Soviet occupiers). On the basis of logic of those who take our nation as accepting easily the fundamentalists, then once the German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish, all should have been fascist nations! But the history knows that these nations fought heroic battles against their domestic fascist regimes. Right now, anti-fundamentalism movement in our country is increasingly getting stronger and expanded. Although it has not yet developed power equal to the fundamentalists but the day is not too far away when the said movement shall replace the fundamentalists and the democracy and freedom shall provide over horizons of Afghanistan. Is it day-dreaming and impracticable?

Never! Those who are fully conversant with our society, characteristics and the social psychology of our people and especially the rare ominous nature of the fundamentalists, do not consider the said optimism as merely illusive and daydreaming.

Our optimism in the people's destructive uprising against the fundamentalists is based on non-tolerance of the following betrayals and crimes:

The fundamentalists are the extract of treachery and crimes previously committed by the fundamentalists Akhwanul Muslemeen in some Islamic countries. They have enmity with whatsoever civilization, knowledge, progress and a happy life. In fact, their enmity is sick and blind. Their monstrous cruelties in Kabul have brought disgrace to all their supporters, even the most shameless ones in the eyes of our people and the world. As the friends and foes say, bloodshedding, destruction, strangulation, total violation of most primitive principles of the democracy, violation of human rights and diplomatic norms during the recent months of the fundamentalists' invasion into Kabul leaving highly dreadful memories, is not match to any similar invasion of the wildest army in the country's history. The people shall not tolerate all this oppression and treachery forever.

The monstrous fundamentalists after ransacking the houses of our Hindu and Sikh countrymen, raped their wives and daughters, circumcised the men and their sons; they take young girls as their umpteenth wife and while do not spare the women of their mother's

age from raping, cut their breasts; they closed the doors of all working places and the educational institutions to women and girls the very first day of their occupation simply for being city dwellers, being educated or belonging to a certain nationality. They called the husbands of employed women as "procurers", they even forced a personality no other than Sibghatullah Majaddadi to unwillingly or willingly announce that "The weakest nations in the world are those that had a woman as a leader." (San Francisco Chronicle 2nd May 1992); according to the Pakistani press, just during a few days of war, around 6000 persons mostly women and children were found missing from Kabul whereas most of them are thought to have lost their lives. (The Muslim 2nd September 1992); these traitors have superseded the most notorious criminals from all nations and religions in committing terrorism and unchastely crimes; Lichuang a Chinese peasant leader who was not even a Muslim, used to say in the seventeenth century: "a murder means the killing of my father and any rape means the violation of my mother". Hence the fundamentalists have proved that they are dirtiest rapists of their own mothers.

The flames of revenge which are lit not only in the hearts of women but also all noble men of the country shall keep glowing until the day of accountability of the fundamentalists.

Fundamentalists are not satisfied with merely killing people; although they have not accomplished any central power, are committing the most savage type of economic and cultural terrorism. Whatever province they have in their occupation, they treat it as their personal property and establish "economic and commercial ties" with the neighboring countries in the most anti-national manner. They have not been able to produce any serious planning for the reconstruction because of their shameful ignorance and lack of knowledge from the economic and financial affairs. Additionally, on account of their other errs and follies, they shall not be capable of attracting the unconditional assistance in order to inject some life in the national economy. The fundamentalists not only refrain from opening the doors of the educational institutions especially the girls schools but call them "the doors of sin" and while they preach the music as "misleading and religiously prohibited" and have confined their television programs to only religious ones they call it "the satanic box". Our people shall never bow to all this disgrace, obscenity and disrespect in the face of other people.

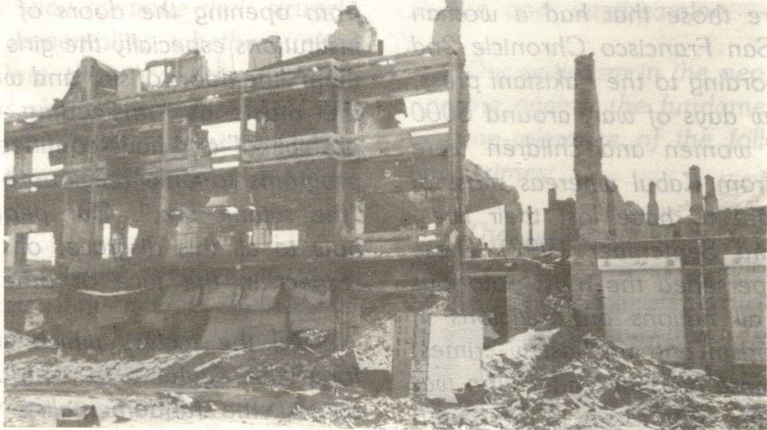
All the factors which shall, willy-nilly, force the Afghans to conduct an upsurge against the fundamentalists cannot be explained in the present meager opportunity, but the depth, darkness and weight of each one them is of the size that they shall certainly push the masses to a stormy movement against the fundamentalists.

When the Soviet aggressors invaded the country, our people vowed to liberate the homeland. Now that the dreadful rulership of the fundamentalists has driven the masses at their wits end, people have again vowed. On this sixth martyrdom anniversary of Meena we unanimously with our people repeat the said oath that:

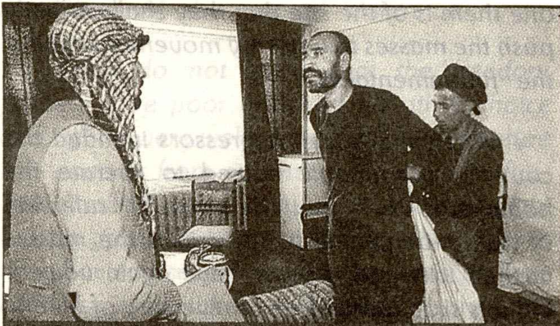
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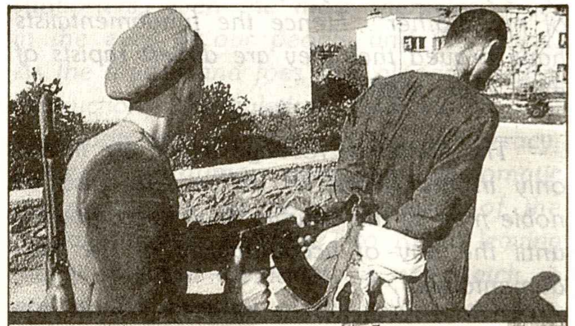
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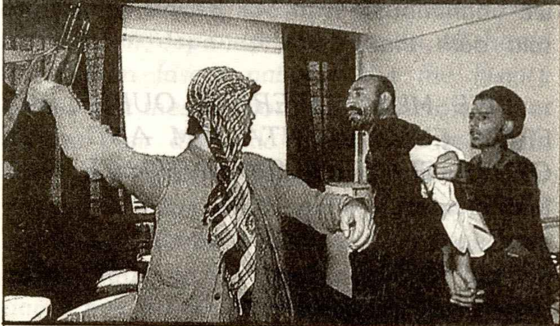
The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns, in action



Kabul Educational Institute burnt and riddled in "Jehadi" style









The "Jehadi" murderers in action in the Interior Ministry

DEATH TO FUNDAMENTALISM!
LONG LIVE DEMOCRACY!

The day the fundamentalist terrorists alongwith their accomplices from KHAD stained their hands with the blood of Meena, Gulbadin and his collaborators as well as the puppet government burst into laughter and overjoyed that they have silenced the most powerful voice of freedom and democracy in the country. They shouted that if the star of democracy overshadowed all over the earth, even then such a voice will never be heared in Afghanistan under their domination.

Simply on listening the voice of freedom and democracy, the very embodiment of the fundamentalists starts trembling and particularly when this voice is raised by the women folk, their embarrassment exceeds all limits and bounds. This is understandable. Because the speaking of "Kufr" (the fundamentalists of our country consider democracy as equivalent to "Kufr") that too by the persons who are "deficient in judgement", "half-man" and have no other place than "the Chadar and Char Deewari"?

So the fundamentalists and their accomplices were at the helm of justification not to be contained in their skin on the silence of Meena's roar. But they did not anticipate that it was the roar of her era which could the most oppressive and fascist religious and unreligious regimes in the world over, what to speak of the fundamentalists whose only and real refuge is the aliens, klashnikov and money.

Throughout the last six years elapsing from the silence of Meena, KGB and the puppet government alongwith KHAD were eliminated like dried grass roots and we are observing the fundamentalists that before they are faced to the peoples resistance, they have become the sworn enemies and are engaged in infighting with the sole objective of capturing power. Meanwhile, the wave of democracy and freedom has rolled on in most countries of the world. In our country too where the fundamentalist parties have been installed with tremendous and all dimensional foreign assistance, the wave of indignation has increased among the masses unprecedentedly against them and now the people are becoming aware of the importance of a government based on the principle of democracy.

Fascism endeavours to treacherously garner the masses around it by providing the most essential goods of vital requirements of them. But the fundamentalists have specified the best way of imposing their rule on the people by exploiting the beliefs and religious feelings of the people and by further fanning their obsolete and left over prejudices. And this is the very reason that larger sections of our people much sooner than the people of other countries dominated by the fundamentalists, have observed the anti-human reality of the fundamentalists and have felt the need to struggle against them. In one of his works in the language of a despot Bertolt Brecht says that" when the nation loses confidence in our government and since the government cannot be dissolved, the na-

tion should be dissolved instead of the government." Yes our despotic fundamentalists have well noticed the extent of indignation and hatred among the masses against them so they find the elimination of the nation instead of quitting power the proper, response to the fury and fedding up of the people. But our fundamentalists are mistaken to understand that with their installation at the helm of affairs the earth has stopped revolving. They have been so exposed and disgraced at the world level and inside Afghanistan, that cannot perpetuate their rule over our nation for a long time.

Less than a fortnight ago a French newsman did not quote us nor any other anti-fundamentalist organisation but a very prominent" Jehad" commander of the forefront that" I do not accept either Rabbani or Hekmatyar as a leader. These dogs have ruined our country with their fighting for power." ("The Frontier Post" 22 January, 1993)

But any how, does our non-reconciliation with the fundamentalists not tantamount to excess?

No not at all. We are non-reconciliatiry with them not only becuase their face is stained with the blood of Meena, but also due to profound differences in principle in diversified fields and as such we cannot adopt any reconciliatory attitude with them. We are of the belief and it has practically been established that a double-dealing, ambiguous and not firm enough struggle against the fascists is similar to have pity on or a cruel wolf. Some people say that to further strengthen and signify anti-fundamentalist struggle with ultimately coincide with the policy of America which following the disintegration of the Soviet Union, has been describing the Islamic movements as its first rate enemies and is subjecting to attack in the name of fundamentalist those Muslims who are standing in the first line of liberation struggle.

In our view the following few assertions would clarify the aforesaid baseless claim. Both before and after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the Islamic movements could not have a significant impact on the world and even in Islamic states. They are basically the fundamentalists who want to brand the freedom-loving movements in Islamic countries as lacking national content and in this way they wish to name such movements only purely religious ones. On the other hand whether in the past or at present, most of the Islamic fundamentalist states, groups and their allies had been aligned with the United States.

As a pro-fundamentalist Pakistani says: "Muslim rulers believed in 'Bushullah' and not in Bismillh" . ("The Muslim" 3 June 1992) It is clear example is the fundamentalist parties of Afghanistan and among them the so-called most anti-US party of Gulbadin who has been bred in the lap of CIA and has secured that much arms and money which has now reached a stage that while denying the receipt of arms from Pakistan, shamelessly offers military aid to Pakistan! ("The Frontier Post" 30 Sep. 1992)

Also as we know according to the "TIME" (11 June 1984), CIA were guiding and helping Ahmad Shah Masood of Jamiat-Islami in his most important anti-Soviet operations. The open secret of dependency of the Afghan fundamentalist groups on CIA and ISI has been disclosed in detail in the book "The Bear Trap: Afghanistan's Untold story" by one of the godfathers of the fundamentalists.

Many fundamentalist Islamic states which speak of so-called Islamic-Internationalism have exposed themselves as hypocritisc

Mountains of bones and rivers of blood separate our nation from the fascist, murderous, power-hungry and disgraced fundamentalists.

boasters in various parts of the world: They confined themselves to convening conferences and passing resolution but did not endeavour for the solution of Bosnia by relying on their oil and are looking towards the United States. Why are they not only taking any decisive step against Israel for the solution of Palestinian issue but are hatching conspiracies against the PLO which has kept the Muslims and Christians united and moreover projecting HAMAS against it?

We also saw in the Gul War and in respect of Libya as to how the positions of the Islamic countries were against eachs other. In short, neither hard facts of the present time nor the cultural, racial, linguistic, regional differences etc. will ever allow the implementation of the fundamentalism. Socio-economic development is the real problem of the considerable number of the Muslim countries and not the issue of passing laws to sever the parts of body, stoning to death and Islamic veil and so on. The United States does not apprehend any threat from a united front of the Muslim countries. We have already stated that the Untied States has taken into its lap the most blood thirsty fundamentalist parties and imposed them on Afghanistan. But if even then any attempt is made against the United States regarding its opposition of fundamentalism in one or another country, that should be seen concretely and not opposition to Islam and Islamic countries in general. Those who speak of "American animosity with Islam" but let lose the fundamentalist fascism, consciously or unconsciously are acting as the agents of fundamentalists. The Untied States would be opposing fundamentalism from the view point of its special interest, and we are opposing it on the basis of the national interests of our own country. In our struggle against fundamentalism we have our own bright flag and not the US flag. Fortunately situation in our country is such that any person or organisation who evades a decisive struggle against fundamentalism is accused of serving the cause of the US policy and not otherwise.

Similarly struggle for freedom and democracy is an action totally relation to the people of a specific country which should be carried forward by the people of that country themselves till final victory. Those forces which in their struggle against autocracy attach hopes for foreign intervention, actually cause a setback to their struggle. Meanwhile it should be pointed out that intervention (sending mercenaries) by Afghan fundamentalists in Kashmir is reducing the reputation of the just struggle of the freedom-loving people of Kashmir. Just as the Algerian fundamentalists serving as mercenaries to Gulbadin's party and its like, who are now busy in terrorism and other fundamentalistic activities in Algeria under the name of "Afghans", instead of earning sympathy they are arousing the anguish of the Algerian people and put our people to shame as well. We wish these bands would have named themselves "Gulbadins" and the like but not "Afghans". Our people cannot accept that the voice and affect of their liberation war should result in the creation of fundamentalist terrorist groups in other countries. When the fundamentalists left destitute in defence of medieval ideologies under the mask of religion, they resort to the easiest course of playing on the religious sentiments of the masses and brand the people with the labels of "Kufr", "Un-Islamic" etc. Also they simply mean secularism "atheism", "infidelity", "anti-religion"... But none of these characteristics constitute secularism. Secularism which considers the religion as personal faith and specific link of every one with God, is desirous of the spiritual and material development of society. Without the least intervention in the values based on religion, communalism, national and racial, secularism holds that progress

in politics, education, the judiciary and other civic affairs and matters of daily routine should be achieved without interference by the mullas and maulavis. History has proved that any society whether Muslim or non-Muslim would be able to achieve the worthy progress of our time only when it sticks to democracy. It was not accidental that the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam had so decisively turned down the idea of a theocratic state and wanted to lead Pakistan on the road of development in accordance with his secularistic principles without causing the least change in the religious identity of the people.

The nations have clear-sighted eyes. Before giving an ear to the false propaganda of the if undamentalists, they pay attention to the undeniable realities in those Muslim countries which have adopted secularism and the countries who are adhering to fundamentalism. Development of the former states like Turkey is most significant than others. Why Turkey has more attraction for the Central Asian Republics while all have been averted from Iran? Secularism does not negate the religion in society. On the contrary, only in the countries based on secularism, the religion can be well protected. Only a few days ago, a professor of a university who recently returned from the United States disclosed that "I would say the United States is the most religious country I have ever lived in my life. A vast majority of that country are church going." (Sara Suleri, "The Frontier Post" 22 Jan. 1993) Yet, since secularism has taken root in the US, even the churches objected to Mr. Bush when he resorted to religion in his electoral campaign.

It is worth mentioning that when fundamentalism gave out its foul smell too much, the Prime Minister of a country like Pakistan also deemed it necessary to announce that he is not a fundamentalist. Fundamentalism is the pole opposite to democracy. Strenghtening of democracy has a direct link with Secularism. When the incident of Babri Mosque took place, most of the people spoke about the failure of secularism in India, which actually was an endorsement of lofty values of the existence of secularism in that country. With the domination of fundamentalists in India and Pakistan, can one speak of peace, prosperity and unity in the two countries?

Our people are firmly believe that none is responsible for all this devastation and destruction in the country except the power thirsty and anti-people fundamentalists. And unless our country is cleansed of these terrorist and ignorant groups, situation will not improve. Thus, we totally reject Mr. Rafsanjani of Iran who addressing the Afghan forces engaged in battle pointed out that "we are all Muslims and one umma with common enemy" and "We must not become a tool in the hands of western powers by fighting among ourselves." (The Muslims 8 Sep. 1992) It really sounds hypoeracy! We just want to ask Mr. Rafsanjani as to who formed the Wahdat Party and armed it to the teeth? And which country is using it as its tool? If that Party is the lackey of the western powers, so first of all the Iranian regime as its creator and patron, should have introduced these hirelings to the western powers.

Undoubtedly, Afghanistan is the most poor and most backward country of the world but no one can deny the love of our nation for freedom. Our country which suffocated the aggressor Soviet Union, it will also tear the throat of the fundamentalists who are out to drag us towards medieval ages. No country of the world could and cannot survive and become prosperous without breeze of democracy. If the hands of the fundamentalists these most die-hard enemies of democracy are not cut short from the fate of our country, Afghanistan will always stand to face the

danger of disintegration. A nightmare of which no neighbouring country would ever remain safe and calm.

Let the anit-fundamentalist forces and particularly the freedom-loving women in Pakistan and Afghanistan uprooting fundamentalism with zeal and spirit of a struggle of life and death, consolidate the solidarity between the two countries on the basic of democracy and social justice. □

"Bushullah" or "Bismillah"?

Agha Murtaza Pooya, said it was unfortunate that Saudi Arabia was collaborating with anti-Islam forces who were endeavouring to destroy the Muslim unity.

Muslim rulers, he said, believed in 'Bushullah' and not in 'Bismillah'. He said Libya was being punished for opposing the Camp David Accord between Israel and Egypt.

The **MUSLIM**
Jun.3,1992

'Afghans' active in Algeria

ALGERIA (AFP) — Islamic revivalists killed 8 policemen in Cashbah, Algiers. A group known as the "Afghans" is behind the killing, Algerian radio reported on Monday.

The "Afghans," Algerian veterans of the Afghan war, were still holed up in the Casbah, or old town, after the Sunday night killing, it said.

The policemen were shot shortly after Algeria's military-backed authorities imposed a state of emergency throughout the country.

The Guemar atackes were led by Tayeb El Afghani, who is still on the run.

The "Afghans," who wear traditional Afghan clothes, parade behind a black flag emblazoned with a skull in Islamic Salvation Front marches.

The Frontier Post
Feb.11,1992

Ordnance factories of Mr Hekmatyar

However, it is only the Hizb-i-Islami Afghanistan which is leading in arms manufacturing. Hizb has established two major ordnance factories in the liberated areas of Afghanistan.

The two ordnance factories, set up by the Hizb, were financed by some Arab countries who also provided technical know-how. These experts also imparted training to the Hizb men in the field of arms manufacturing. Apart from foreign experts tribal experts from Dara Adam Khail and Waziristan were also engaged by the Hizb to run its ordnance factories.

According to a Hizb source the chief of the Hizb-i-Islami, Hekmatyar himself had designed a surface-to-surface missile BM 1. His ordnance factories are said to be producing this missiles in a large quantity.

Hizb also ordered the manufacturing of BM 1 missiles for Far East country. "We believe in mass production and we do not take much care in quality of our home-made arms," said Hizb official. He also quoted the example of China while supporting his theory of mass production.

The Frontier Post
Sep. 15.1991

Afghan children search through the debris of a house for usable utensils 25 Aug. Most of the city of Kabul damaged in the worst roket attacks launched by the forces of renegade mujahedeen leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar against the Afghan government troops 10 Aug. AFP photo



The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns,

in action



Impatiently waiting for a prey
AFP photo



And the "Jehadi" bandits are nervous of getting a teapot and an iron only
AFP photo

Fundamentalist "Islamic government" bubble in Afghanistan has burst

'Afghanistan may become another Somalia'

ARIF JAMAL

ISLAMABAD, Feb 4: Sotirios Mousouris, the personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan, said that the United Nations would review the situation in Afghanistan arising after the cold-blooded murder of its staff members in Jalalabad and may revise the methods and mechanism employed so far to help restructure the war-ravaged country.

He said it was exasperating to see all efforts for restructuring Afghanistan being failed. Somalia is a reminder of what could happen to Afghanistan.

The **MUSLIM**
February 5, 1993

Mujeebur Rehman is a 12-year-old. He was playing in his house when a rocket burst in and blew off his left hand. But he is one of the lucky ones. A jeep from the International Red Cross happened to be passing and his father covered in his son's blood was able to get him evacuated to one of the few hospitals still operating. Just getting the victims to the hospital is one of the main problems.

Pushing handcarts and bicycles laden with whatever possessions they could salvage, scores of thousands of people have also had to flee their homes in the battle areas. Many of their houses have been looted. There is nobody to help the many displaced persons. They curse the fighters but many also blame the outside world for abandoning them.

The **MUSLIM** March 4, **1993**

Atrocities and heinous crimes of the fundamentalists in Kabul: a challenge to world conscience

Fundamentalist "Islamic government" bubble in Afghanistan has burst

The absence of any effective central authority was the factor of greatest significance to human rights problems in 1992. In most areas of Afghanistan, civil authority was in the hands of local councils, resistance leaders, or a combination of the two. While some councils and leaders have managed to govern effectively, observers have noted the absence of the rule of law and a clear legal system throughout much of the country. Because of the weakness of the interim governments and the continued factional violence, the human rights situation changed from one marked by broad governmental oppression to an environment in which individual rights were neither defined nor protected and were routinely violated. .... Members of the Sikh and Hindu communities were frequent victims of crimes and attacks, despite interim President Rabbani's call for protection of their basic rights, and thousands fled to Pakistan and India. The rights of women also appeared to be in jeopardy

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Before the ouster of the Najibullah regime, torture and other forms of cruel and inhuman treatment were common. Former prisoners of Kabul's Pul-e-Charkhi prison confirmed that the Najibullah regime's torture techniques included electric shock, severe beatings, confinement of many prisoners to small cells, and psychological torture. There were also reports of torture and ill treatment under the interim governments.

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In August the Hezb-i-Islami group of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar began a 3-week rocket and artillery attack on Kabul that killed as many as 2,000 people. Thousands more fled the capital to the countryside or to Pakistan.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
1992 Human Rights Report on Afghanistan

Freedom-loving Compatriots!

To end all the untold sufferings brought on by the fundamentalists, you are faced with only one option: To send all these blood-thirsty and dirty warring factions to their grave!

Fundamentalist "Islamic government" bubble in Afghanistan has burst

1,000 killed in Kabul fratricidal war

BRUSSELS, Feb 4: One thousand people have been killed and more than 3,000 injured in fighting that has raged in the Afghan Capital Kabul over the last two weeks, a Brussels-based medical aid group said Thursday, says an AFP report.

"We even had to perform operations in the basement," he said.

His report said downtown Kabul had been pounded with constant rocket and mortar attacks since Monday. "The centre and the south of the city are devastated," he said.

Afghan Radio reported that rocket attacks Wednesday killed at least 14 and injured 79 others in Kabul.

Afghan Mujahideen chiefs are battling to take contorl of Kabul with dissident leader Gulbaddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami fighters battling forces behind Defence Minister Ahmed Shah Masood.

A small boy who was killed in the rocket attack was being removed from the scene. Blood spots were visible on the road near a car where another teenager was dying.

One badly injured victim of rocket attack was crying, "Allah, Allah."

The entrances to the hospitals were blocked by the crowds of relatives. Hospitals were running out of beds.

In heavy artillery exchanges between the government forces and dissident factions the city is cut off from the surrounding areas and most of the casualties could not be brought to the hospitals.

The **MUSLIM** Feb.5,1993

54 killed in Kabul rocket salvos

Iran, Pakistan, S. Arabia to review situation

FP Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD — At least 54 people were killed and more than 100 injured in one of the most severe rocket attacks on Kabul, with government forces replying with a heavy bombardment of opposition forces Monday, Radio Kabul said.

The Hezb-i-Islami faction of dissident leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar fired more than 200 rockets on Kabul hitting many residential districts, the broadcast monitored here said.

Several public and private buildings were set on fire by the barrages, the radio said, adding that the casualties were high in the Deh Mazang area of Kabul where a mosque was also destroyed.

Two rockets exploded close to a bridge over the Kabul River not far from the city zoo, killing more than 20 civilians, according to troops in the area.

All that was left of one male victim was a pool of blood and the twisted remains of his bicycle.

The Frontier Post
Tuesday, February 9, 1993

"One of them (Jehadis) threw my father's hands to the dog"

The Frontier Post
Tuesday, February 16, 1993

KABUL (AFP) — Some 100 hundred women protested outside the U.N mission here Monday seeking the return of husbands and brothers taken prisoner as others described days of looting, rape and murder in the Afshar quarter of this city.

The protest and atrocities followed the recapture Thursday of the Shiite quarter by the pro-government Ittehad, a Saudi Arabia-backed faction, and the defence ministry troops of Ahmed Shah Masood from Shiite Hezb-i-Wahdat forces.

The killings began Thursday some hours before dusk, and continued into the next day, according to witnesses gathered in a mosque in the neighbouring quarter of Taemani, refugees from the area said.

A government official dismissed the reports of atrocities as rumours designed to slander the government.

"There were 12 of them, some carrying rocket launchers on their shoulders. They broke down the door, then they made advances to my sisters and me," said Shahla, a young nurse.

"My father tried to stop them, but they hit him and then tortured him. They cut off one of his feet and both his hands. In the courtyard there was a big dog belonging to one of the commmanders. One of them threw my father's hands to the dog."

By late afternoon Sunday the killings were over, but the Ittehad mujahedeen still scoured the place for anything to steal.

In the devastated mosque a torn picture of the late Ayotollah Khomeini lay on the ground.

A mujahedeen guerrilla, carrying a silver goblet in one hand and a rosary in the other, said the bodies had been taken to a nearby valley. "If you stay here too long, you too will be robbed," another threatened an AFP correspondent and photographer.

In his looted shop a man who had returned to salvage what had not been stolen also spoke of the killings.

In the Taemani mosque a young girl was curled up against the shoulder of a refugee. Her mother and father have been killed, "since then she has not wanted to move," the refugee said with tears in his eyes.

Another woman, Fairouza, showed a Koran damaged by a bullet. She said she had brandished it at the agressors in vain, her husband had his throat cut and her three girls were killed.

Some 300 families have taken refuge in the Taemani mosque. They are living in appalling conditions like thousands of other refugees in Kabul who have to survive without running water, electricity, heat, or adequate food supplies.

Saboui Siasang, a non-Shiite doctor who lived 15 years in Afshar, said the Shiites have been the target of reprisals identical to those they themselves carried out in the past.

No bloodsucker of history is a match for our traitor fundamentalists

The facts speak for themselves:

In Intifada:

From 9 Dec.1987 - 30 Nov.1992

1389 Palestinians have been killed.

PLO Media Release
14 Dec.1992

In Kashmir:

4000 Kashmiris martyred

by Indian troops in 1992

The MUSLIM
Mar.3,1993

But in Afghanistan in 25 days only:

5,000 killed in current fighting

MONITORING REPORT

IN Afghanistan, the International Committee of the Red Cross has estimated that 5,000 people have died in 25 days of continued fighting in the capital, Kabul.

The **MUSLIM** February 15, 1993

Fundamentalist "Islamic government" bubble in Afghanistan has burst

Civilians big losers in Kabul battle

Compiled by our staff from monitoring agency reports

AFGHAN government troops guarding a bridge over the Kabul river carried the Boy's broken body off the road, wrapped it in an old army blanket and at a loss to what to do, just stashed the corpse in a vacant electricity sub-station.

A rocket fired by a rebel faction mujahieen had exploded in the street early in the morning. Shattering the boy's body as he rode his bicycle to the bazar.

Like thousands of others, the boy had been caught in the mangle of conflict between Afghan Defence Ministry forces and opposing Hezb-i-Islami faction led by Pushtun hardliner Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who have been battling each other for nearly two weeks in and around Kabul.

The cost to civilians is not only death but also the destruction of their homes and the loss of livelihood.

"I have put my family in a mosque. We are not in the way. There is less praying these days", said a man who had braved the frontline to retrieve clothes from his abandoned home.

The **MUSLIM** February 1, 1993

Ten months domination of the fundamentalists being replete with gross violation of human rights, committing high treason against the country and nation, savagely raping Afghan mothers, teenager girls and boys and reducing Kabul to rubble has evaporated their "Islamic government" in Afghanistan.

Kabul is being destroyed, death to and shame on fundamentalists!

80 killed as rockets hit Kabul

FEBRUARY 28: Over 80 persons were killed in Afghan capital Kabul on Sunday in the worst series of attacks since the unofficial truce was agreed two weeks ago. The number of injured runs into hundreds. Twelve people were killed when a shell hit a block of flats and there were heavy casualties when two rockets landed in front of a mosque just before prayers.

Earlier a mortar attack on a crowded vegetable market in the centre of the city killed at least 14 people.

A BBC correspondent in Kabul said two rockets landed in front of the mosque in the city centre just before prayers. The area was crowded with men and children selling water for ritual bathing.

A local commander said he loaded dead and injured into a bus. They were people trying to earn a little money. The water containers which the victims had been selling were lined up on the wall of the compound. Children were also victim of a rocket which smashed in flats in the residential areas.

Outside the flats, the correspondent saw a small boy with blood on his trousers. He was the sole survivor of the family of eight who lived in the flat.

Another man said that three of his sons and wife had been killed by the same rocket as they sat outside washing clothes and preparing food.

It was the first time since August that Kabul's main bazar had been targeted and the first time since early 1990, that an attack was made on a mosque.

Shoppers fled the bazar and merchants pulled down their shutters while others washed the blood from the street after the bloodiest attack on Kabul since the government and its dissident opponents began observing an informal ceasefire on Feb 15.

In the morning two mortars landed in the vegetable market in the city killing and injuring a large number of civilians.

Kabul's five hospitals reported more than 100 injured and 35 deaths today. One doctor said the casualties have come from all over the city.

The MUSLIM March 1, 1993

Residents of Kabul :

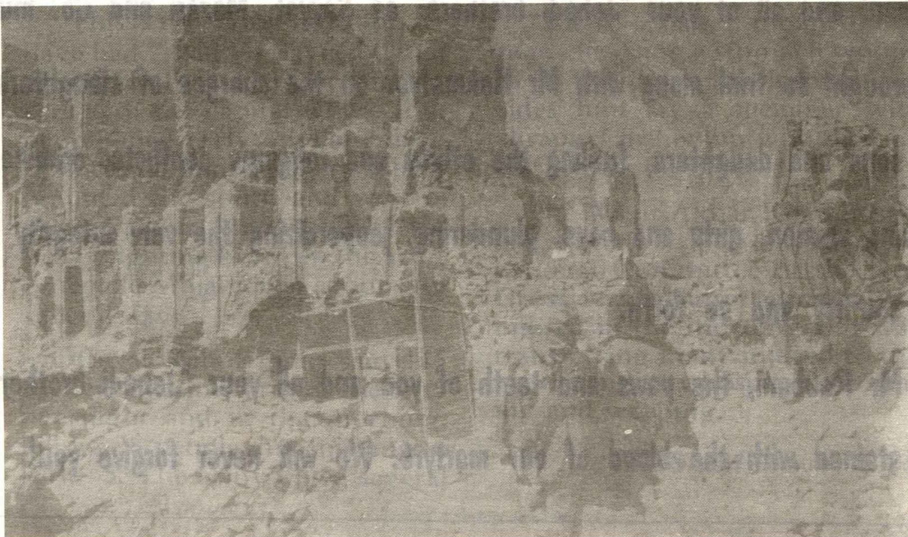
"The UN must help the people"
"The government is cheating us"
"They promise us everything and give us nothing"

The MUSLIM March 1, 1993



What the "Jehadis" are doing with their victim? AFP photo

The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns, in action



Afghan children sit in front of a house destroyed by rockets in the downtown of Kabul AFP photo

Mr Rabbani says:

Rabbani for trial of Hekmatyar

AFGHAN President Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani has said that leader of Hizb-e-Islami, Gulbadin Hekmatyar should be put on trial on the charge of recent attacks on the capital, Kabul.

He said the commanders have agreed that Mr Hekmatyar should hand over heavy weapons of its party to the government.

President Rabbani said that Mr Hekmatyar should be tried because he carried out attacks on Kabul and, according to him, earned bad name for Mujahideen.

He alleged that Mr Hekmatyar alone is responsible for killing of about one thousand people who lost their lives in shelling and rocket attacks on Kabul during the last three weeks.

The **MUSLIM** Sep. 6, 1992

But the Afghan people say:

Absolutely right! However, to have a real and not a bogus trial, you Mr Rabbani and all of your "Jehadi brothers" as Sayyaf, Mazari and Co. must be brought to trial along with Mr Hekmatyar on the charges of slaughtering our sons and daughters, fueling the ethnic and religious conflicts, criminally abusing women, girls and boys, plundering, jeopardizing the very integrity of the country and so forth.

Mr Rabbani, the paws and teeth of you and all your "Jehadi brothers" are stained with the blood of our martyrs. We will never forgive you!

THE DOG-EAT-DOG SITUATION IN KABUL

Najib's dog and the fundamentalists

"Najibullah was a good man. Even his dog was more honourable than these mujahideen" said an angry old man.

The **MUSLIM** February 1, 1993

Casualties fill hospitals as more rockets hit Kabul

DOZENS of dead and injured civilians filled Kabul hospitals on Thursday after the Afghan capital came under a blistering rocket and artillery bombardment by renegade Mujahideen for the 17th day.

"This is the worst morning we have had," said Dr Sayeed Omar at the Jamhuriat hospital in the centre of the capital where four people died early on Thursday.

Rockets and artillery shells pounded the south and west of the city, virtually cut off by the heavy fighting between the army renegade Mujahideen groups for several days.

Official Kabul radio said 115 rockets slammed into the city overnight and in the morning, killing 28 people and injuring at least 65. The army killed several Hezb fighters and seized some heavy weapons, it said.

One rocket landed near a bridge linking the western Chilsitoon area with the rest of the city, killing and injuring several people.

"Allah, Allah," moaned one man clutching a stomach wound as he was driven to hospital. Besides him lay a teenager with shrapnel in his hip who died on the way to hospital.

The Wazir Akbar Khan hospital, which is helped by the International Committee of the Red Cross, was full after admitting 41 injured in the morning and was transferring many injured to the nearby military hospital, screaming and weeping.

The **MUSLIM** February 6, 1993

THE DOG-EAT-DOG SITUATION IN KABUL

Mr Ahmed Shah Masood accused Gulbadin Hekmatyar of involvement in lust for power. He said, we are in favour of a political solution to the prevailing problems of Afghanistan. He said, we have been compelled to fight. The Afghan Defence Minister warned that if fighting erupted again then it would be for a very short span of time. he said we are ready for every kind of eventuality.
report say the indication was towards Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He alleged that these countries are providing millions of dollars to Hizbe Islami. He said we have evidences which showed that these countries have provided financial assistance to Gulbadin.

The Afghan Defence Minister without naming countries criticised those foreign countries which are supporting Gulbadin Hekmatyar. Correspondents

The **MUSLIM** Thursday, March 4, 1993

PESHAWAR, Feb 2: The deputy chief of Hizbe Islami Afghanistan (Hekmatyar group) Qazi Amin Waqad claimed that HIA had the capability of destroying the government of Prof Rabbani within no time but its consequences would be serious. In reply to a question he said that their fighting with the Jamaate Islami could pave the way for a third power to enter into Kabul and that was why they do not want to destory Jamaate Islami. He claimed that HIA wanted JI also in power just like it wanted a share for itself but a transitional government should not exclude anybody.

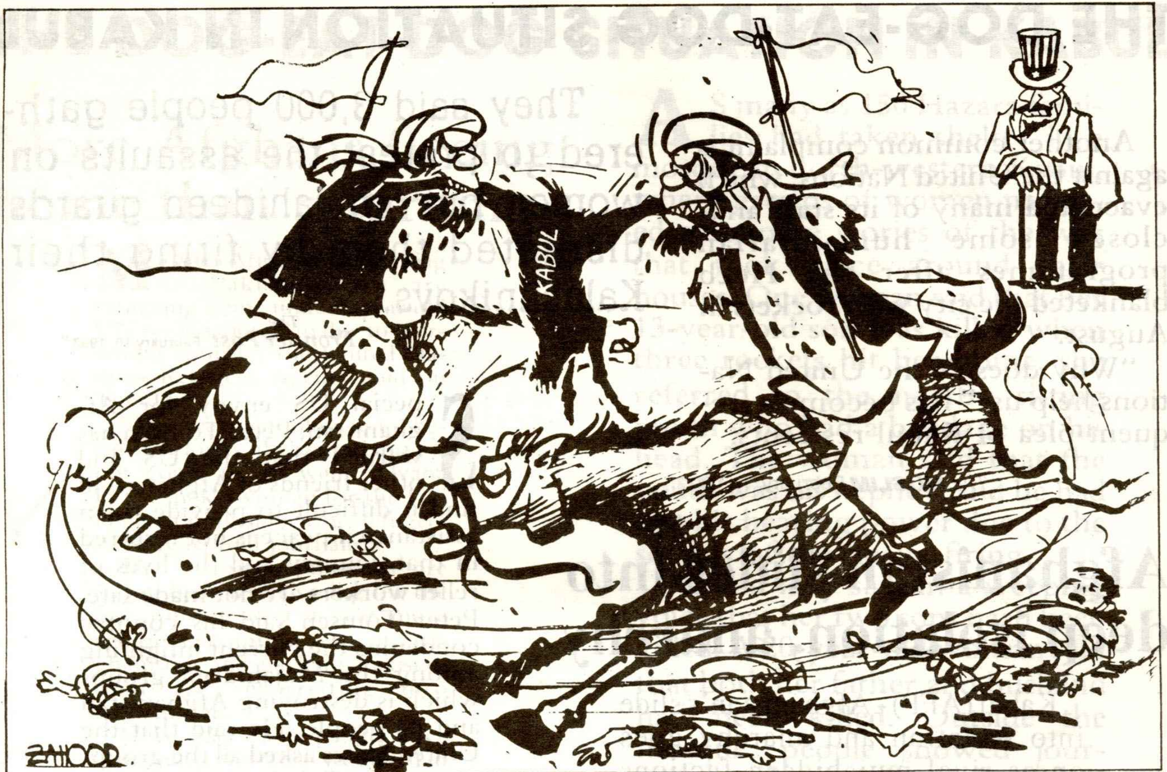
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February 3, 1993

Gulbadin in Dostum feet

In an interview with a Swedish journalist, General Dostum has said that the reason of Mr Hikmatyar's enmity with him is that he (Dostum) did not bring Mr Hikmatyar into power. "Had I brought him into power, he would have been in my feet. I have shown you his letter.

The MUSLIM Sep. 21, 1992



Gulbadin's acts shameful even according to infidelity!

THE Islamic government of Afghanistan has issued a statement. It says People of Afghanistan who have suffered hardships during their struggle against the communists have welcomed the establishment of the Islamic government in the country, reports Radio Kabul.

They are hoping for bright future under the Islamic government in Afghanistan. But regrettably the so-called Islamic bands and traitors of Islam and national interests have resorted, intentionally or unintentionally, to criminal actions which is contrary to the principles of the holy Islam. It will affect the honour and sanctity of the Mujahideen and brave people of Afghanistan in the world and in the region. Since the inception of the Islamic government in Afghanistan war-mongering bad of Gulbadin has resorted to subversive activities and carried on criminal actions against the people of Afghanistan particularly the oppressed people of Kabul city. It is shameful according to both Islam and infidelity. Due to extensive barbaric rocket attacks by Gulbadin's band on Kabul City huge losses in men and material have been inflicted on our countrymen and national assets.

The **MUSLIM** February 11, 1993

"Jehadi brothers" cut each other's throats

THE DOG-EAT-DOG SITUATION IN KABUL

Another common complaint is against the United Nations, which evacuated many of its staff and closed some humanitarian programmes after the Hezb blanketed the city with rockets in August.

"Why doesn't the United Nations help us?" has become a frequent plea of Kabul residents.

The **MUSLIM** February 1, 1993

They said 3,000 people gathered to protest the assaults on women but mujahideen guards disrupted them by firing their Kalashnikovs.

The Frontier Post February 10, 1993

Afghanistan slides into deep isolation, anarchy

Kabul (AFP) - Afghanistan's slide into isolation and anarchy goes on as rival mujahideen factions continue their fight for power 10 months after overthrowing the communist regime.

Bitter differences now separate Ahmed Shah Masood, the defence minister, and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the head of the Hezb-i-Islami.

Kabul residents live without water, electricty, and other supplies, and hope only for a ceasefire, though few believe a truce between such bitterly divided factions would last long.

"Each believes it can break the back of the other. No-one is leaving Kabul unless it is feet-first in a coffin," said a diplomat.

The Nation
Jan. 1993

Special US envoy for Afghanistan, Peter Tomsen has warned that the US and other friends of Afghans will find it difficult to provide them assistance if peace is not restored in that country and the lives of relief workers are not made safe. Peter Tomsen said his country condemns the current infighting among the Mujahideen groups which is destroying Afghanistan and its people. He said that the United States asked all the groups to stop the fighting immediately and settle their mutual differences through peaceful negotiations in accordance with historical traditions of Afghans.

He condemned the killing of UN relief workers saying that the killings will make it difficult for the world community to continue aid for the Afghans. Peter Tomsen said that President Rabbani has sent a delegation to Washington for talks on economic, political and humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and the delegation has also held talks with important officials of the US government on narcotic control and anti-terrorist activities.

He said that the US government has asked President Rabbani to immediately start work for formation of a broad based government in Afghanistan.

MUSLIM February 11, 1993

THE DOG-EAT-DOG SITUATION IN KABUL

More Afghans fleeing home than returning

MORE Afghans are fleeing to Pakistan than are returning home under a year old UN repatriation plan due to worsening security, the United Nations Refugees Agency said on Tuesday.

"This is a major blow to us, because it looks like repatriation is not going to go well, Sylvana FOA, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told journalists.

The security conditions are rather bad. We're seeing for the first time in over a year more refugees coming out of Afghanistan and back to Pakistan than are repatriating into Afghanistan.

More than 1,000 people have been killed and 6,000 wounded in a month of rocket and artillery bombardments between the two main warring factions of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and his archrival Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, chief of the dissident hardline Hezb-e-Islami party.

The **MUSLIM** February 25, 1993

AS many as 150 Hazara families had taken shelter in a mosque in north-western Kabul, where groups of women narrated gruesome stories of the war that took place around their houses. One woman said that her 13-year-old son was killed when three rockets hit her home, she referred to the nearby sitting youth who had a bandage on his head. The woman said that the youth was his nephew and he had lost his hearing power due to the sounds of the heavy firing.

An old lady said in a weeping voice that her two sons haad been killed. A 20-year-old woman said that both her father and husband had been killed. Outside the mosque, people showed journalists a place where 20 dead bodies had been buried. A man, while saying that they do not belong to any of the group, asked the warring sides to leave them in peace and end the fighting.

The **MUSLIM** February 15, 1993

The fanatics are pathologically power-hungry and anti-people. Therefore the war among them will erupt again and again and our people will suffer till to the end of the fundamentalists' domination in Afghanistan.

The dog-eat-dog situation will be prevailing in Kabul and other cities unless the freedom and democracy flag flutters over our country.

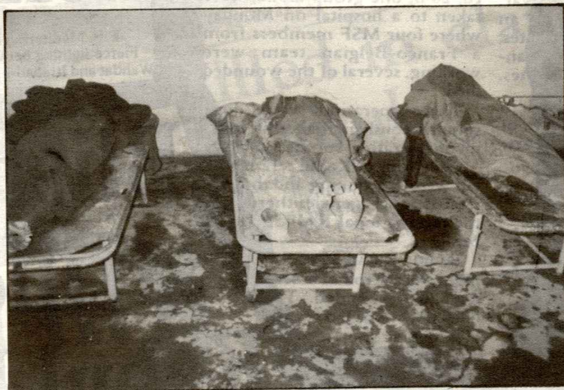
Only the establishment of a democracy-loving government in Afghanistan can put an end to the awful miseries and tragedies brought on by the treacherous fundamentalist parties.

Qazi Hussain Ahmad, Gen Hameed Gul and Ijazul Haq are shamelessly interfering in the affairs of Afghanistan. If the government of Pakistan is not supporting and encouraging the fundamentalist groups, it must put the three self-appointed "mediators" on trial.


RAWA photo


RAWA photo

The barbaric fundamentalists have turned Kabul into a ghost city


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A NATION IN BLOODY FETTERS OF FUNDAMENTALISM

Desperate situation in hospitals

MONITORING REPORT

THE situation was desperate in hospitals in Kabul with an overflow of seriously wounded after a day of rocket bombardment, the doctors without borders (Medecins Sans Frontieris-MSF) Organisation said in Paris after contacting its team in the Afghan capital.

A total of 60 seriously wounded, 20 in one group alone, were taken to a hospital on Monday where four MSF members from a Franco-Belgian team were working, several of the wounded died.

Three operations were do... simultaneously in makeshift ba... ment operating rooms.

Only four of Kabul's 12 h... tals were functioning and th... international agencies ther... the international Red Cr... MSF.

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Beirut-like situation prevails in Kabul

MONITORING REPORT

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repeated threats from Hekmatyar...

Kabul fighting defies peace effort

F.P. Monitoring Report

Fierce fighting between Hezb-i-Wahdat and Ittehad-i-Islami continuing ... second consecutive ... talks to end fighting between Sunni and Shia mujahideen groups have broken down with both sides continuing to pound ... across a suburb of...

Mazari, whose faction is ... up mostly of ethnic Hazara ... that in a Thursday meeting ... Afghan interim President ... Rabbani and Ittihad ... of all parties had...

6,000 Afghans missing while fleeing infighting

MURTAZA...

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Mohammad Amin...

are opposing the leader of the Islamic government Afghanistan.

The meeting was also address... Maulvi Zahoorul Haq, Q...

4 UN workers shot dead near Jalalabad

MONITORING REPORT

...preparing for fresh round

Six killed in clash near Kabul

KABUL, March 1: Three civilians and three Mujahideen fighters ... killed and several others ... Monday in fighting between ... Mujahideen factions ... Kabul, a senior defence ... official said.

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Blistering rocket, artillery attack on Kabul leaves 28 dead

Rabbani goes into hiding claims HIA; central, southern parts of city devastated; hospitals full of casualties

By Anwar Iqbal

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The radio said government forces bombed enem...

Heavy death toll in Herat fighting

Hekmatyar accused of bombing city

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Lack of national leadership main cause of Kabul fighting

MONITORING REPORT

RIVAL groups hold each other responsible for the ongoing ... in Kabul, ... BB... Muham... the ...

the Soviet Army, Najib and is still loyal to the Communists and is working for them. He is working for disintegration of Afghanistan. Gulbadin is justified in making the demand...

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Kabul situation worsens

MONITORING REPORT

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Anarchy reigns supreme in Kabul

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The translation of a song which was sung at the function by the students of "Watan" school.

WE VOW O' HOMELAND

We give our lives
We have nothing but drops of blood
Which could be shed for you as devotees of you
Thus your burnt land becomes red

If we are not on alert for a moment
The monsters will grab this beloved land
We must not let the blood of so many martyrs
Go waste so easily

United with the masses
O' fighters
Let's make an army
of oppressed
So that they all
get awareness
And arise against the traitors

This nation never compromise and yields
It defeated the super power with staunchness
It is against aliens
Inspiring by it
We exclaim:
Long live the homeland, salute to freedom
We vow O' homeland
We sacrifice our soul and blood for you

The executioner cannot by sword or axe
Separate our path from your.
Your plains and valleys
Red and fiery
As iron fort against enemies
The Russians drowned you into fire and smoke
The fanatics intend to eliminate you.
We must liberate
This beloved land
Sacrifice for her the men and women
From her Polygons* comes the voice:
We died our heads high
This is our message,
O' comrades-in-arms
Victory to your path
Your struggle and war
Are our avenge

* Polygons, the execution grounds in Pul-e-Charkhi Prison, wherein thousands of patriots were shot and many buried alive during the puppet regime. Tr.

CIA, ISI and Hekmatyar

By George Arney

.... Thierry Niquet, was robbed and murdered by a Hezbe commander in the same area in 1986.

Andy Skrzypkoviak's wife, Chris Gregory, is now on a jihad of her own. The question she wants raised, in the Commons and the U.S. Congress, is why millions of dollars of CIA money are being channelled to an organisation "containing thieves and murderers." Hezbe Islami is one of the oldest and biggest of the seven guerilla parties recognised and indirectly funded by the West.

Last year, $600 million of covert aid was earmarked for the Afghan resistance by the U.S. Congress. Hezbe denies receiving a cent. Everyone else, from rival parties to former Pakistani generals, maintain Hezbe gets the lion's share of American aid and weapons — despite frequent denunciations of Uncle Sam by its honey-voiced, autocratic young, leader, 36-year-old Gulbaddin Hikmatyar.

"The Americans are all impressed with him," one baffled European diplomat says of Hikmatyar. "The more he kicks them, the more they tend to enthuse."

Hezbe co-operates closely with the Pakistani police to keep tabs on the refugee population and potential saboteurs. According to Dr. Zabi Mojadedi, "Hezbe even arrests people in Pakistan, it has prison chambers here, it has executed people here."

Hezbe's status as the most favoured guerilla party stems from its close links with Pakistan's powers-that-be, dating back to 1974. Hikmatyar's supporters were trained and armed by Bhutto and infiltrated back into Afghanistan to destablise the Daud regime. When the Soviets invaded five years later, the Americans wanted to know how best to help the resistance. Pakistan's military intelligence services, by then ruling the roost under General Zia, recommended Hikmatyar, whom they believed they could control.

Schools run by Hezbe are organised along quasi-military lines. A Westerner just back from Afghanistan describes a "sinister" trend which goes against what he calls the "humaneness and dignity of traditional Afghan Islam." There is, he says, "a fascist-style mobilisation of a very strong xenophobia, the cultivation of narrow-minded hatred against everyone except the party."

Hikmatyar has already narrowly survived several attempts on his life. But his party continues to receive strong backing from Pakistan and the West, despite allegations that Hezbe members are responsible for the death of a fervent supporter of the Afghan cause. Andy Skrzypkoriak

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CIA, ISI and Hekmatyar

Senator Hatch, a Republican from Utah, USA, points out that 'At the same time, the US must insist that Pakistan should cut off all assistance to Gulbadin Hekmatyar'. "The Hekmatyar forces have regularly attacked other resistance units. He himself even backed Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war. Instead, supplies for moderate groups and the national commanders' shoora must be increased, and Islamabad must cease its efforts to control Afghanistan's political future."

On ISI's role in Afghanistan, the US Senator comments: "for years, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's CIA, starved mainstream resistance groups and provided a disproportionate amount of money and arms to the leader of one fundamentalist Afghan party, Gulbadin Hekmatyar, in a gambit to put him into power. While necessity forced Afghans to fight under the leadership of anyone who had sufficient supplies during the Soviet occupation, the ISI's bias has badly undercut the resistance effort since Moscow's withdrawal in 1989, because rank-and-file forces refused to fight on behalf of Pakistan's client.

The Frontier Post Jan. 9, 1991

A high proportion of the CIA aid was in the form of cash. For every dollar supplied by the US, another was added by the Saudi Arabian government. The combined funds, running into several hundred million dollars a year, were transferred by the CIA to special accounts in Pakistan under the control of ISI. This money was quite separate from, and additional to, that used for arms purchases. Nevertheless it was critical to the war effort. As was to be continually brought home to me, without money nothing moves – particularly in Pakistan (see p.82).

I was not personally involved with the distribution of all these funds. This was the responsibility of General Akhtar and his Director of Administration.

THE BEAR TRAP: Afghanistan's Untold Story
By Brig. M. Yousaf former head of Afghan Bureau, ISI
P. 81

DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN POWERS + REACTION + TERRORISM + IGNORANCE = FUNDAMENTALISM

Any country which supports any Afghan fundamentalist group, in fact commits an unforgivable treason against our people and land.



Afghan leaders along with representatives of several Islamic countries, pray after the signing ceremony of the Afghan peace agreement in Islamabad on Sunday .Besides Gulbuddin Hekmetyar, Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani and former president Professor Sibghatullah Mujaddedi (sitting), also seen in the picture are Alleaddin Brojerdi, Iranian deputy foreign minister, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Saudi Prince Turki al-Faisal.—AFP photo

Those who according to the benefits of their own hireling parties are trying to reconciliate the fascist and deeply anti-freedom fundamentalists to enable them to rule more rapaciously over Afghanistan, are never considered friends but the most hypocrite and dangerous enemies of our people.

The suffering Afghans will never be saved by trying to reconciliate their fundamentalist killers.

PAKISTAN, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA
HANDS OFF AFGHANISTAN!

CIA, ISI and Hekmatyar

In 1987 the broad percentages allocated to the Parties were Hekmatyar 18-20 per cent, Rabbani 18-19 per cent, Sayaf 17-18 per cent, Khalis 13-15 per cent, Nabi 13-15 per cent, Gailani 10-11 per cent, and Mujaddadi trailing with 3-5 per cent. Certainly the Fundamentalists came out on top with 67-73 per cent,

THE BEAR TRAP: Afghanistan's Untold Story
By Brig. M. Yousaf former head of Afghan Bureau, ISI
P. 105

'Kabul must burn.'

Lieutenant-General Akhtar Abdul Rehman Khan, Director of Inter-Services Intelligence, Pakistan, 1980-1987.

Ibid. , p.142

'West trying to sabotage Afghan Jehad'

By WASEEM AHMAD SHAH

The Western powers are trying to sabotage the 14 year-long Afghan Jehad and hatching conspiracies against the establishment of true Islamic government in the war-torn country.

He added that after the Peshawar Accord a new wave of destruction and bloodshed started in Afghanistan, due to conspiracies of Western powers.

This was stated by Maulana Jan Muhammad Abbasi, naib amir, Jamaat-i-Islami, who accompanied a peace delegation to Afghanistan.

The Frontier Post February 28, 1993

Then, Rabbani, Sayyaf, Mazari and of course your blue-eyed boy Gulbadin, must be undoubtedly the dirty agents of those "Western powers"!

Also how is it possible that the "Western powers" who generously and whole heartedly did raise, cultivate, arm and fund their fundamentalist blue-eyed boys for 14 years long, will be sabotaging "jehad" ?

CIA, ISI and Hekmatyar

General Akhtar Abdur Rehman's biography also reveals the intimacy between the CIA and the Pakistan army. It also reveals the extent to which the CIA was conducting the 'jehad' in defiance of the prevailing American attitudes. The exclusively 'fundamentalist' bias of the ISI was supported by CIA chief Casey whose death has been described by the book as a blow to the Afghan war. CIA has been traditionally involved in drug-trafficking. In Vietnam, its officials actually started the great Laotian enterprise that developed into a drugs 'route' to the west. Like the Vietnamese generals, some personalities of Pakistan army became involved in this enterprise with the help of the civilian leaders. A number of drug traffickers caught in the west were traced to General Zia himself, like Hamid Husnain, the general's adopted son, and the Japanese 'boy scout' who claimed to be close to the general's family. The spread of drugs inside Pakistan took place during the Afghan war and was consolidated by reason of the politicians' reliance on drug money to fight expensive elections.

The Frontier Post
Aug.16,1991

JALALABAD (ANA) — The chief of Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan, Engineer Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has welcomed the announcement of Pakistan of not allowing the use of its soil against the Afghan government and added that he would be grateful "if Pakistan stops CIAs interference in Afghanistan from its soil."

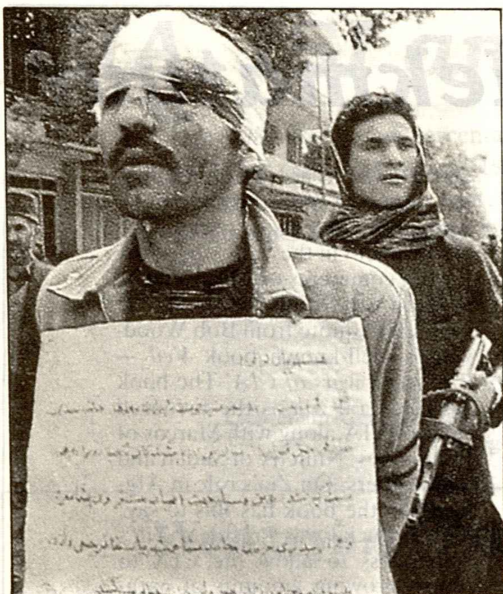
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and alluded to his (Zia's) unfulfilled dream of Afghan Jihad. Enough has been said about Zia's involvement in the 'holy war.' Any further comments on this would be a mere repetition. However, it sees apt to quote from Bob Woodword's well-known book *Veil — The secret wars of CIA*. The book lists General Zia as the favoured ruler of CIA along with Marcos of Philippines, Nimeiry of Sudan and a few others. On Zia's role in Afghanistan the book has this to say: "Most crucial was President Zia's willingness to allow the CIA to funnel growing amounts of paramilitary support to the Afghan rebels through Pakistan. Casey, the CIA and Reagan administration all wanted Zia to stay in power and needed to know what was going on in his government. The CIA station in Islamabad was one of the biggest in the world."

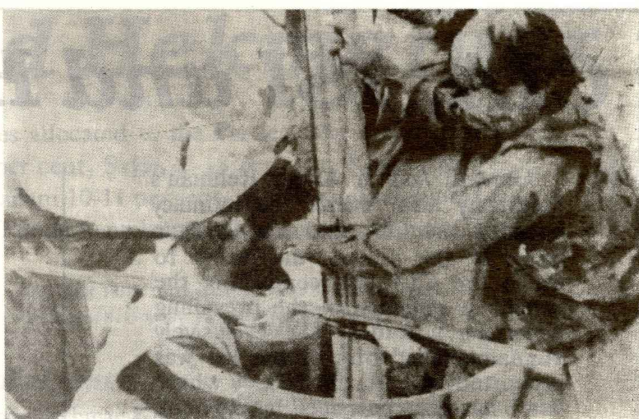
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Nawab Saleem, spokesman of Hizb-e-Islami:
The Bosnian Muslims are massacred by the Serbs with covert support of the CIA; otherwise how could this Serbs continue or intensify their brutalities against the Muslims of Bosnia? Take the American bull by the horns or the prepared for annihilation on Iraqi pattern."

The Frontier Post
Oct.7,1992



An English teacher being humiliated and tortured at the hand of Hezb-i-Wahdat (lackeys of Iran) is paraded through the streets of Kabul.



A henchman of Gulbaddin's Islamic party, beating a fleeing refugee

The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns, in action



Pro-Gulbaddin Hekmatyar fighters prepare for attack on Kabul

Gulbadin is supporting the fundamentalists in Tajekistan and Uzbekistan. ISI and Jamaat are supporting him.

PAKISTANIS and diplomats say that although Mr Hekmatyar is an anti-west person yet when the United States and other countries were supplying weapons against the communists through Pakistan, a big portion of them was given to Mr Hekmatyar.

They said that Mr Hekmatyar had a number of supporters in the Pakistan Inter Services Intelligence which was distributing weapons among the Mujhaideen groups. Its reason was that Mr Hekmatyar was a good Muslim fundamentalist and was fighting well. That is why, the former ISI chief is now engaged in Kabul for the implementation of the ceasefire.

Some sources say that Mr Hekmatyar is also supporting and assisting Islamic movements in Tajekistan and Uzbekistan and enjoying good relations with them. Though relations of Pakistan government with Mr Hekmatyar have cooled down yet Jamaat-e-Islami and some members of the ISI are still strongly supporting him and extending assistance to him. He has also established contacts and relations with some rich Arabs. Keeping these things in view, it seems that Afghanistan will remain in crisis for some time.

The **MUSLIM** February 21, 1993

Hamid Gul

KABUL (AFP) — A former Pakistan military intelligence chief is in Kabul to help mediate a ceasefire between the government and rebel faction forces, a government source stated Wednesday.

General Hamid Gul, who from 1987-89 headed Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI), which covertly trained and supplied arms to the Afghan guerrillas during their 10-year fight against the Soviet army, arrived in Kabul Tuesday.

Gul met with the chief of the National Security department Wednesday, but the talks were described as unofficial, the source said.

Shortly after the April 1992 victory of the mujahedeen over the Moscow-backed Afghan communist regime, Gul arranged a meeting with rival guerrilla leaders Ahmad Shah Masood and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

The Frontier Post
Feb.11,1993

Gulbadin is supporting the fundamentalists in Tajekistan and Uzbekistan. ISI and Jamaat are supporting him.

It is an open secret that the Jamaat has been practically involved in the Afghan resistance movement. For this reason, it had to face severe criticism from some of Pakistani political parties, like ANP and JUI (F), who accused the Jamaat of making money and stockpiling arms out of Afghan jehad. A Jamiat source told this scribe that the Jamaat had been sending by rotation, at least, 100 Jamiat activists every year to join Afghan jehad during the active phase of Afghanistan problem. Almost all of them would join Hezb-i-Islami (Hekmatyar's group), which was also the darling of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI). Gulbadin enjoyed official patronage during the Zia period, which testified to the heavy influence of Jamaat-i-Islami over Pakistan's Afghan policy.

The Frontier Post
Sep.23,92

Many of the Jamaat's claims, especially to over-righteousness and consistency, can easily be challenged. In the external field, the Jamaat has for long shared the U.S. view of the world not only because it considered the other camp an unwelcome alternative but primarily because it stands for capitalism and privileges of the propertied classes with a bit of philanthropy thrown in.

The Frontier Post
Sunday, March 3, 1991

F.P. Report

MARDAN — Senator Shahzad Gul Bacha (ANP) has said that arms supply to Gulbadin Hekmatyar should be stopped immediately so that peace could be restored in Afghanistan.

He said that Afghanistan could be governed by Pakhtoons. He said that Bacha Khan had been advising the Afghans to resolve their differenes through peaceful negotiations in brotherly atmosphere but was criticised by the rulers and their pets who were preaching jehad. But now, every body, except Jamaat Islami had been emphasising the need of peaceful negotiations.

He criticised Jamaat leaders for their changing cloaks on what he called the stage set by the CIA.

The Frontier Post
Sep.9,1992

PESHAWAR, Sept 1: Despite the ceasefire in Afghanistan and sealing of the Pak-Afghan border at Torkhum, influx of refugees could not be stopped. They continue to reach NWFP and FATA through numerous routes.

As many as 14 trucks loaded with heavy weapons were stopped at Torkhum Monday night. The arms and ammunition was reportedly being sent to Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami from Pakistan.

The MUSLIM Sep. 1992

Gulbadin is supporting the fundamentalists in Tajekistan and Uzbekistan. ISI and Jamaat are supporting him.

F.P. Bureau Report

QUETTA — Jama'at-e-Islami amir Senator Qazi Hussain Ahmad has accused America and Saudi Arabia of supporting Kabul ruler Dr Najibullah.

He regretted that America and other powers deceived the Afghan freedom fighters in the final phase of their jehad.

Senator Qazi Hussain Ahmad said Saudi Arabia provided millions of dollars to Soviet Union in order to be used for the stability of Dr Najibullah regime in Kabul.

He said government had recognised the Baltic states because America had accepted their independence. "Pakistan government is not independent in its foreign policy and is entirely dependent on America", he remarked.

The Frontier Post
Sep.13,1991

His anti-American attitude took him to the Libyan leader Col Qaddafi who had been helping him till his recent retreat against the United States. Qaddafi has also been lobbying for Hekmatyar in Moscow and he had planned to arrnage Hekmatyar's meeting with Gorbachev on the Afghan issue.

Hekmatyar's contacts with the Islamic movements in various part of the Muslim world are no more secret. He has been providing training to the militant youth of various Muslim countries. He is in touch with the leaders of Islamic Front of Algeria, militants of Sudan and Tunisia.

Observers are of the view that it will not be possible for him to continue his war against Kabul after being isolated from Pakistan.

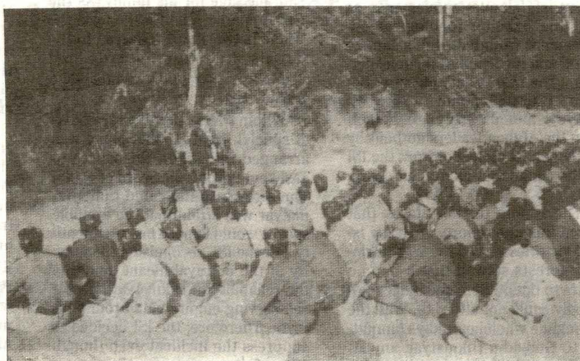
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5,000 Afghan-trained Buremese Muslims back home

By KHALID SULTAN

More than 5,000 Burmese Muslim fighters have so far been trained by the Afghan jehadi groups mainly the Hezb-i-Islami of Hekmatyar, the Jamiat-i-Islami Afghanistan of Prof. Burhanuddin Rabbani and Ittehad-i-Islami Afghanistan of Abdur Rab Rasool Sayyaf.

The Frontier Post March 15, 1993



Burmese Muslim fighters being imparted training at a camp at an unidentified place by Afghans.

The News International, Thursday, October 8, 1992

'Gulbadin Hikmatyar had links with KGB'

By Imran Akbar

PARIS: The US House Republican Research Committee of the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare has severely criticised the Central Intelligence Agencies and Inter-Services-Intelligence for their gross negligence and cover-up of the misconduct of the Hezbe Islami Afghanistan during the13-year Afghan civil war.

The report also alleged that the ISI propped Hikmatyar as an ultimate Muslim choice, while knowing all along that he was actually working for the ex-Soviet KGB, the intelligence agency of the Soviet Union.

The 19-page report submitted in March, 1990 and now doing rounds here, claims that the ISI had created Hikmatyar only to serve the military regime of General Ziaul Haq. The report states "needless to say, the picture of Hikmatyar's success in the civil war created by the KGB-Khad (propaganda) closely fits the biases of Ziaul Haq and ISI. This Islamist leadership was subsequently adopted by Ziaul Haq because of the ISI's claims of tight control over the radical revivalist Islamist movements as well the ensuing ideological endorsement from Pakistan's Jamate Islami and the Saudi Arabian leadership. (The new prime minister) Benazir Bhutto cannot afford to disavow and disassociate herself from the Afghan leadership built by her father, let alone confront the ISI on the conduct of its Afghan operations".

The report further states that "given this, the reports of Hezbe Islami victories served the ISI's intrinsic interests so well that it had no desire to doubt them and indeed politically could not afford to. With the Zia regime wholeheartedly committed to Gulbadin Hikmatyar, any attempt to challenge or verify his (Hikmatyar's) claims was swiftly crushed by Islamabad's highest echelons. Moreover, it was in the personal interest of numerous ISI senior officers and operatives who were embezzling the ever-growing flow of US and Saudi military and financial assistance to ensure that the process should continue".

The false information from Islamabad to Washington through CIA resulted in the termination of aid in 1989 and the ISI plan to launch a massive attack on Jalalabad.

The debacle was so huge that even today the last body count has not yet been confirmed and neither the original planner brought to justice. The worse part of the story is that the Hikmatyar group was already working for the KGB and had in fact co-operated with the Soviet troops in persecution and subsequent defeat of other resistance factions.

Hikmatyar is also termed in the report as a commander who killed more Mujahideen than Soviet-Afghan soldiers. The report recalls a curious incident where the ISI had to lose its two top agents in order to protect Hikmatyar and his KGB network from being exposed to the media. In the spring of 1985, a senior resistance commander's source in the Soviet intelligence network agreed to disclose the Hikmatyar dossier in Moscow in return for the safe passage for his family. As the CIA prepared itself for the task, the whole network was betrayed to the Soviets after a call for a top-level meeting by resistance commanders was intercepted by Hikmatyar.

Within twenty four hours, a Soviet special flight IL-62M plane was arranged which flew the source to Tashkent never to be heard of again. The aftermath indicated that Hikmatyar was afraid that the credible source would expose his true identity. For the ISI, recognising the gravity of the betrayal meant doubting the reliability of Hikmatyar and the self-serving empire built around his myth. Therefore, the ISI decided to suppress the incident even though two of its own operatives were amongst those arrested and transferred to Tashkent.

Hikmatyar's meteoric rise came after his expulsion from the Kabul Military Academy. Till then, he was a staunch communist and later infiltrated into Muslim fundamentalist groups on the behest of the KGB and KHAD. He arranged his first professional assassination of a Maoist communist leader in Kabul in 1972 and then entered the Muslim Brotherhood as the older leadership began to be killed under mysterious circumstances.

The KGB-Hikmatyar co-operation could be judged from the fact that the resistance commanders in the Maidan area were afraid to ambush Soviet convoys for fear of reprisal from Hezbe Islami. Hikmatyar's commanders directed air strikes by the Afghan airforce against other commanders. Hikmatyar also managed to destroy two ammunition depots and five weapon trucks stripping Jamiate Islami leader Ahmed Shah Massoud of weapons near the Pakistani border of Garam-Chashma.

The ISI, the Task Force report states, monitored the ambush of Tekhar province where senior Jamiat commanders were killed. Some of them were brutally tortured. The communication system and messages exchanged were on the same frequency range as that of the ISI. The tussle between Ahmed Shah Massoud and ISI reached the peak in 1988, when Massoud refused to surrender to ISI pressure. In return, his aid was completely cut off forcing him to buy weapons from the black market.

The assassination of Afghan liberal intellectual, Majrooh, was orchestrated by the Hezbe Islami in Peshawar where the Hezbe hit-team included a SPETSNAZ commando from the Soviet Union. The ISI briefed Hikmatyar and with KGB-KHAD assistance, the gulf between Pashtuns and other nationalities widened. Today, an average of 200 people are killed daily in Afghanistan in continued battles between ethnic and sectarian minorities.

The Hikmatyar phenomenon of violence occured when General Hameed Gul was the ISI chief and later though officially retired, often found himself in Peshawar while General Asif Durrani sat as the DG ISI in Islamabad. Incidentally, it was during the same period that the Iran-Contra Affair reached its peak and Pakistan was cited as a willing participant in the scam. This at least indicated the huge heroin transportation by ships from the Pakistani coast off Makran to the islands of Mauritius and Africa between 1985 to 1988.

According to the much acclaimed Saudi aid to Hikmatyar also has a dark side. The great Afghan expert on Muslim strategy, General Kamal Adham, also the former head of the Saudi intelligence agency, is now under house arrest. He was responsible for arranging the meeting between Hikmatyar and a Soviet representative, Yu Vorontsov, in Taif, Saudi Arabia. The meeting was requested by Dr. Najeebullah, the former President of Afghanistan in 1989. The reason for the arrest of Kamal Adham is said to be his role in heroin money laundering and recycling of drug money through BCCI. It was also the same period when two Israeli Defence force members were killed in an ambush in Afghanistan while invited by the ISI in 1986.

The report, it is believed in Paris, would cause further headaches to the propaganda officers of the Republican Party in the forthcoming US elections where President Bush finds himself trailing at the bottom in opinion polls.

The question often asked by security experts here is why the CIA and ISI failed to give the true picture of events and character of Gulbadin Hikmatyar.

Does Hikmatyar continue to serve a larger purpose which somehow forms the New World Order now that war of nationalities funded by heroin engulf South West Asia?

The writer is associated with Observatoire Geopolitique Des Drogues (OGD) in Paris

Rafsanjani on his "uncivilized" fundamentalist brothers:

THE Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashmi Rafsanjani while criticising the Afghan leaders said that they are busy in fighting of an uncivilised war, BBC reports. He expressed distress over the recent fighting in Kabul.

During a Friday sermon he said when the Afghans were fighting against the Russians then it was the fight to reach their destination but this fighting is only for materialistic gains.

The **MUSLIM** Sunday, February 7, 1993

Yes, because they are the most ignorant, the most backward, the most cruel, the most medieval- minded and the most corrupt people in the world. In a word, our fundamentalist "leaders" are more reactionary and anti-democracy than you Mr Rafsanjani!

The Frontier Post Friday, September 4, 1992

Hindu, Sikh refugees from Kabul tell harrowing tales

From SAEED MINHAS

LAHORE — Individual guerillas belonging to different groups are busy in looting, kidnapping for ransom and indiscriminately killing Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus in the war-torn capital of Afghanistan, in the disguise of Gilam Jam militia, claimed scores of Sikh and Hindu families who have entered Pakistan during the last one month.

A survey conducted by *The Frontier Post* has revealed that the worst ever infighting in Kabul has forced millions of people to flee from there to save their lives and belongings. It appears to be another big migration in the subcontinent after the partition of India, but this time the migrants are non-Muslims.

The harassed and exhausted refugees are not ready to disclose their identities as they fear bitter repercussions in the coming days. Most of them belong to lower middle or middle class families and had brought huge luggage with them, which had made their stay and moving from one place to another more difficult. Their luggage ranges from the items of daily use to luxurious items, like refrigerators, air-conditioners and sofa-sets.

Giving reasons of their migration, they were unanimous in saying that they had not seen such a heavy-influx of arms and amunition into Kabul during the last 14 years. Almost every Afghan refugee, who is over 7-year-old, was carrying automatic weapons. They had no respect for any citizen and were openly looting, murdering and abducting people for ransom.

An elderly Sikh told this scribe that about 10 people were being abducted from Kabul every week and the abductors demanded ransom in US dollars and not in local currency, which is afghani. They further stated that though the looters identified themselves as men of Gilam Jam militia, men from all organisations were looting and murdering the residents of Kabul.

The refugees were of the unanimous view that the situation had worsened after the formation of Burhanuddin Rabbani's government in Kabul. In fact Rabbani has no control over Afghanistan and has been made an ineffective ruler. They maintained that they had felt safer during the last 14 years of war than now.

Disclosing the conditions in Kabul from where all Sikh and Hindu families have fled for seeking refuge in Pakistan, they stated that they could not even come out of their homes for one month. Their businesses (shops) remained closed for months and they starved for many days before deciding to flee from Kabul. Most of them broke into tears while stating that their shops and houses had been looted and they had been disgraced while some of them were not allowed to get anything out of their shops or homes.

They cited an example that three shops of Hindus in 'Kothey Sanghi' (a place in Kaoul) were burnt to ashes after looting and a Sikh was killed in an encounter with the dacoits. Citing another example, an elderly Sikh said that the house of a Hindu, Moon Bazaz, in Kabul was first looted and later the Hindu, his wife and son were tortured and later shot dead.



Truck loaded with belongings of the Sikh families fleeing war-ravaged Afghanistan after the recent gunbattles in Kabul stand in front of a police station in Peshawar. They have accused the Afghan mujahideen of abducting four of their family members for ransom. —Photo by Syed Haider Shah

Revenge killings in Kabul alleged

From ZAFARULLAH KHAN

ISLAMABAD — The US state department has noted that the absence of an effective central authority is a significant factor causing human rights problem in Afghanistan.

1992-Human Rights Report on Afghanistan, released by US embassy, observed that because of the weakness of the interim government and continued factional violence, the human rights situation changed from one marked by broad governmental oppression to an environment in which individual rights were neither defined nor protected but were rather routinely violated.

The report says although the interim government declared an amnesty for members of the former regime and issued a number of proclamations guaranteeing human rights, the government did not have sufficient powers to give force to these guarantees throughout the country.

"Reports of torture, ill-treatment and extra-judicial execution of prisoners were widespread during the fighting in Kabul which followed Najibullah's ouster", state department observed and added, "innocent civilians were taken hostage and several politically motivated revenge killings of prominent personalities of the former communist regime were reported."

1992's report, which is based on non-US government sources due to the withdrawal of US embassy staff from Kabul for security reasons in January 1989, says, "robbery,looting and kidnapping for ransom were common in Kabul. Members of the Sikh and Hindu communities were frequent victims of crimes and attacks despite president Rabbani's call for protection of their basic rights."

The human rights report about political and extra-judicial killings says, "the former Afghan supreme court justice, Abdul Karim, was abducted, tortured and killed in Kabul. Other prominent figures believed to have been assassinated include Mansoor Hashmi, Dost Mohammad, Dur Mohammad, Sher Mohammad and Abdul Ahad Wolessy." The report stated that resistance forces killed about 40 members of the former government's security troops taken prisoner on April 30. Eye witnesses reported the torture and execution of a member of the former ruling party in the interior ministry.

The report articulates the disappearances of some officials of the former regime. In June, the sectarian clashes resulted in making thousands of people hostage and subsequent hangings by both the Suni and Shias. Report reveals the continuation of torture and cruel and inhuman punishments under the interim government. Fair public trials according to the international standards of justice were denied along with arbitrary interference with privacy, family life and forced entry into homes continued, the report adds.

Rocket and artillery attacks on Kabul killed as many as 2,000 people, the report says and adds that factional fightings disrupted humanitarian assistance efforts. About freedom of speech and press in Afghanistan, it said, "the interim government claimed to have given the right to free press and speech but lacked the authority to protect freedom of expression throughout the country," "President Rabbani's Jamiat-i-Islami used radio and television to further its own goals to the exclusion of other groups.

"A number of faculty members from the Kabul university reportedly left after the change of government fearing persecution due to their views or previous political affiliations," reports reveals.

State department's report also noticed that "women wearing Western dress in Kabul were sent home to change to traditional Islamic dress.They were forced to leave positions in various ministeries.Women reporters on television and radio were removed."

It also observed the absence of labour laws and the tradition of genuine labour-management bargaining in Afghanistan.

The Frontier Post
January 23, 1993

The aim of the rotten fundamentalists is to plunge Afghanistan into darkness and ignorance.

...AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTALIST TYRANNY WILL GET MOMENTUM



KABUL: Afghan women, demonstrating outside the entrance to the Presidential Palace against the bombardment of their homes during factional fighting, attempt to convince a presidential palace guard to let them pass to meet with Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani. Some 2,000 people took part in the demonstration. —Reuter

The women complained that hundred's of girls had been abducted from their homes by armed mujahideen, held prisoner in some cases for up to 20 days, and repeatedly raped.

One 16-year-old girl protected her honour by committing suicide Monday morning by leaping from her sixth storey window in order to escape her would-be captors. locals in her housing estate.

The Frontier Post February 10, 1993

In another reported case, a less fortunate girl, after being held for 10 days and gang-raped by gunmen in Kabul, returned home and asked her brother to kill her.

The brother, an unusually enlightened Afghan male, refused on the grounds that his sister was not at fault.

The girl then went into the kitchen, took a knife, slashed her wrists and bled to death.

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"They are dogs"

Three angry, panic-stricken Afghan women running from a clothing factory blamed the attack on all mujahedeen in general.

"They are dogs - they pretend to be Muslims but they are nothing," one cried.

They seemed however more in fear of shame than of pain.

"If we get hit by shrapnel we would be left lying on the ground for all to see," explained the third.

The Frontier Post January 7, 1993

Islamabad, Riyadh, Tehran asked to stop interference

MURTAZA MALIK

PESHAWAR, March 4: The Afghan commanders, regligious scholars and elders have strongly suggested that Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Iran should stop meddling in the political affairs of Afghanistan and let the Afghans resolve the current crisis in a manner to reach a consensus regarding a national government of their own choice without any foreign interference.

A vast silent majority of the Afghans, it claimed had been witness to the fact that some of their neighbouring countries were trying to maintain their political monopoly in Afghanistan through their favourite Afghan organisations and parties. The Afghans, it added firmly believed that such a favouritism could not stop the ongoing chaos and bloodshed in Afghanistan. Rather it will harm the existing goodwill among the peoples of Afghanistan and the neighbouring countries in future.

The **MUSLIM**
March 5, 1993

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.... AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTALIST TYRANNY WILL GET MOMENTUM

HUNDREDS of angry Afghan government employees and merchants demonstrated outside the Presidential Palace and the UN offices in Kabul on Saturday demanding salaries halted by months of factional fighting. "Give us our pay," chanted about 300 people, mostly government employees, braving freezing weather to stage the third such protest in four days.

Another 300 gathered outside the United Nations office in the shell-shattered Afghan capital to demand foreign assistance for their plight.

"Other countries must listen to us," shouted one angry man, who gave his name only as Mohammad. "The United Nations is a humanitarian organisation, they must help the people."

The administration of the Mujahideen Islamic government that took over from the communists last April has virtually collapsed as rival factions battle for power in Kabul.

"The government is cheating us," said Mohammad. He said government was unable to honour state-issued food coupons due to mounting shortages in the capital.

The Mujahideen rulers inherited from the communist government a system of coupons given to their employees to obtain free sugar, flour, edible oil and tea.

Prices of food and fuel have soared, especially in the latest fighting in January and February between fundamentalist President Burhanuddin Rabbani and his hardline Hezb-i-Islami opponents that has killed 1,000 people and injured 6,000.

The merchants complained that the banks had run out of funds and they could not withdraw money they had deposited in the banks for safekeeping on the advice of the government.

"They promise us everything and give us nothing," said one.

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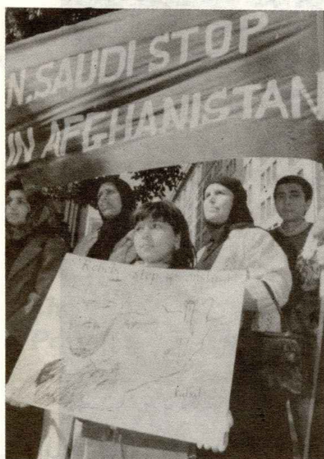
Women weep at the gate of the Afghan presidential palace on Tuesday during a demonstration against the bombardment of their homes by rocket attacks during fighting between warring factions in southwest Kabul. Some 2,000 people took part in the protest demanding that Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani listen to their petition for peace.—AFP photo

.... AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTALIST TYRANNY WILL GET MOMENTUM

A crowd of angry residents gathered outside an area where most of the casualties took place and shouted their opposition to all the factions involved in this fighting.

Anxious relatives crowded outside the hospitals, many shouting their anger at the fighting that has engulfed Kabul since the Mujahideen took power from the former Communist government last April. One man shouted there is no life for us here. At least one-third of Kabul's 1.5 million residnets have fled since last August when Gulbadin Hekmatyar subjected the city to a month long rocket and artillery bombardments that killed over 2500 people and injured over 9000.

The **MUSLIM** March 1, 1993



An Afghan girl holds a placard depicting Hekmatyar as the devil outside the Pakistan Consulate in Sydney 22 Aug. 1992. Some 150 Afghan refugees in Sydney protested against Pakistani and Saudi support for Hizb Islami.

AFP Photo

KABUL (AFP) — A group of about 30 Afghan women demonstrated outside one of the United Nations offices here Tuesday in protest at the fighting and anarchy in the Afghan capital -- and the associated abuse of women.

The women rallied the day after at least 54 people were killed and more than 100 injured in one of the most severe rocket attacks on Kabul.

They gathered outside the Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan and Pakistan (OSGAP) were disappointed to learn that all the expatriate UN staff had fled Kabul during the fighting of last August.

"The United Nations has closed its doors and the guards ordered us to leave because there are no foreigners left," one demonstrator said.

"We refuse to budge, even if you decide to shoot us," the defiant women chorused.

"Don't be in such a hurry. Your turn will come soon," the unsympathetic mujahideen replied.

"I am even ready to wear my veil inside my house, if this would bring peace to Afghanistan," offered another.

The Frontier Post February 10, 1993

She said she had received no government food coupons for her sons, former state employees for more than four months.

The Mujahideen rulers inherited from the communist government a system of coupons given to government employees to obtain free sugar, flour, edible oil and tea and soup.

Since last month I haven't received my coupons and my house has been partially destroyed and I can't find work in Kabul, another woman said.

"I was getting coupons for my son who was a soldier and who was killed seven months ago."

A military officer emerged from the palace of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and asked the demonstrators to select five representatives to discuss their problems with the government.

A government spokesman later denied any knowledge of the demonstration, adding that this is not so important."

The **MUSLIM** February 26, 1993



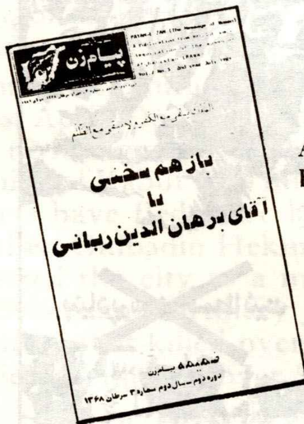
A POSTER PUBLISHED ON THE 6TH MARTYRDOM ANNIVERSARY OF MEENA THE FOUNDING LEADER OF RAWA

Some of our publications in Persian



An un-Islamic government may last awhile,
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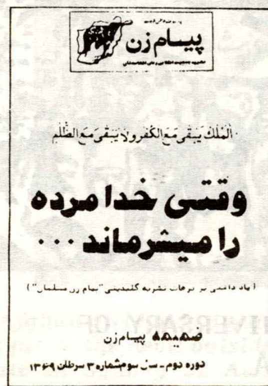
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When God put to shame a dead...

- Note on idle talks of Gulbaddin's "Payam-e-Zan-e-Musalman"

A Collection of Patriotic Songs and Poems

"The free world provided assistance to those thieves who are fighting and looting people's home"

Compiled by our staff from monitoring, agency reports

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR correspondent, Jim Moyers writes from kabul that majority of Afghans in Kabul wonder as to what sin they have committed that the outside world has forgotten them. When women are disgraced in Yugoslavia, UN intervenes when there is pludering and starvation in Somalia, US troops arrive but when rockets are raining over Kabul there is a continuous flow of funerals and exodus of refugees homes are annihilated the sound one can hear is that of clanging of iron-gates of foreign missions being closed.

Jim Moyers quotes a Kabul citizen as saying the world's silence is not only a sign of injustice and lack of feeling but also an effort to get rid of its responsibility. The same foreign powers bestowed money and weapons on the groups who have now created a disorder in Kabul.

cessful efforts in recent weeks to bring about peace among the various mujahideen groups. The magazine writes that Kabul has a presidnet on whose power one can cast doubt. Kabul's control is in the hands of government forces but southern and eastern parts of Kabul are under the control of Hizbe Islami and Hizbe Wahdat. The people trapped between these two are Afghan nationals, majority of whom has been killed. The citzens run far and wide looking for shelter and when they reutrn to their homes they find them ruined and looted.

making calls for peace. But for Afghans this is not enough. They say the outside world ignited fire in Afghanistan and now they are turning their backs showing gross irresponsibility. A refugee told the writer in the south of Kabul, that the free world provided assistance to those thieves who are now fighting and looting people's homes.

Jim Moyers writes the foreign powers are not sitting idle; the US has sent a representative, Pakistan too is mediating here and there and Iran and Saudi Arabia are also

ON the other hand, a magazine The Economist in its issue of February 20 published an article entitled, "Congratulations over plunder in which it says that gone are the rejoicements of the Afghans four years ago at the time of withdrawal of Soviet forces. Now there is no room for rejoicing. Hamid Gul who assisted the mujahideen against the Soviets, when he was the chief of Pakistan's military intelligence, has been making apparently suc-

The **MUSLIM**
March 2, 1993

We are quite sure that our people will unite to extricate the homeland from the clutches of the fanatic vultures reveling in the country in the name of Islam and religion.

The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns, **in action**



Shia women from the west Kabul district of Afshar show a copy of the Holy Quran on Sunday, hit by a mujahideen-fire bullet during fighting and looting in their district. These refugees, victim of ongoing factional violence, took refuge in a mosque of the neighbouring district of Taemani.—AFP Photo

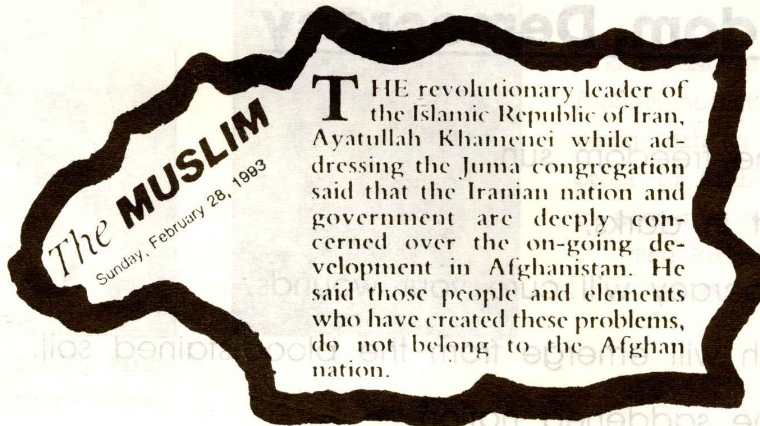


A Hezb-i-Wahdat fighter fires towards a position of the Ittihad-i-Islami in suburban Kabul 19 Sept. AFP photo



A woman with her children recounts how her husband was killed in Afshar, west Kabul.

MR KHAMENEI AND AFGHAN TRAITORS:



The MUSLIM
Sunday, February 28, 1993

THE revolutionary leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatullah Khamenei while addressing the Juma congregation said that the Iranian nation and government are deeply concerned over the on-going development in Afghanistan. He said those people and elements who have created these problems, do not belong to the Afghan nation.

Exactly. It is an open secret that they are running dogs of some foreign intelligence services. But at least one of the most hated group among them i.e. Hizb-e-Wahdat was created by Iran and belongs to your own regime Mr Khamenei !

The translation of a song which was sung at the function by the students of "Watan" school.

Freedom, Democracy

O' the freedom sun,

Thrust in darks,

Democracy will cure your wounds,

Which will emerge from the blood-stained soil.

O' the saddened nation,

Fight your antagonists should be in million.

Take revenge of your martyrs,

From the enemy of democracy and woman.

We shall bring through a bullet,

Through blood and smoke

The dawn of freedom, morn of democracy.

Meena's flag on women shoulders

Who will sing she is our pride

O' people, rise with your guns

Fight the enemies of democracy,

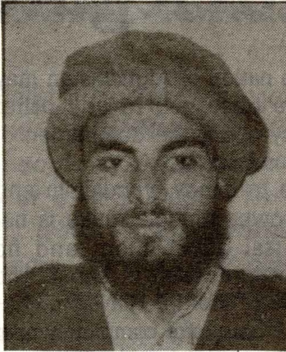
Its revenge for blood of your beloved martyrs

And a red-message for fighters.

Death to the fanatic Arab mercenaries in Afghanistan!



An Arab mercenary killed in Kabul fighting AFP photo



Abdul Nasir an Algerian fundamentalist who was killed along with an Iranian and other 13 Arab mercenaries in Afghanistan.

The Frontier Post 13 Oct. 1991

Nine Arabs killed in Kabul

F.P. Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD — Nine Arabs were killed whereas the same number were reportedly injured by the government forces in Kabul on Saturday.

According to sources in Islamabad, the Arabs were stated to be affiliated with Hekmatyar's Hizb-e-Islami Afghanistan (HIA). They were killed in skirmish between the government forces and HIA men in southern part of Afghan capital on Saturday. The sources further added that a massive crackdown by the government forces has been initiated against Arabs residing in Afghanistan.

The Frontier Post
February 15, 1993

'Afghans' active in Algeria

ALGERIA (AFP) — Islamic revivalists killed 8 policemen in Cashbah, Algiers. A group known as the "Afghans" is behind the killing, Algerian radio reported on Monday.

The "Afghans," Algerian veterans of the Afghan war, were still holed up in the Casbah, or old town, after the Sunday night killing, it said.

The policemen were shot shortly after Algeria's military-backed authorities imposed a state of emergency throughout the country.

The Guemar atackes were led by Tayeb El Afghani, who is still on the run.

The "Afghans," who wear traditional Afghan clothes, parade behind a black flag emblazoned with a skull in Islamic Salvation Front marches.

The Frontier Post Feb. 11, 1992

PAKISTAN, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA HANDS OFF AFGHANISTAN!

RAWA's appeal to ECO ministers, delegates

The Frontier Post
Sunday, February 7, 1993

F.P. Report

The revolutionary association of the women of Afghanistan (RAWA) has sent the following appeal to the ECO foreign ministers and delegates in Quetta. The appeal reads:

Do you know what is happening in a member country of ECO i.e. Afghanistan? Certainly you will never understand the situation, in, our bleeding and burning land through the words of the so-called official Afghan delegation. We also do not and cannot present a long list of the national treasons and heinous crimes committed by the fundamentalists against our people and the women in particular.

But you must be aware that after the fall of the puppet regime in April 1992, the aspiration of four people for attaining freedom and democracy was answered by the destruction of Kabul; killing of thousands of people; kidnapping and raping the women, girls and young boys; looting; removal of all females from social duties; closing the doors of all schools and educational institutions; unprecedented inflation and famine-like scarcity; total ethnic and religious wars and so on and so forth arising from the rulership of the fundamentalists. Kabul has been turned into a ghost town and most of its citizens are suffering from mental diseases. More importantly that all those calamities have put our country on the brink of disintegration.

What the alien-backed fundamentalist parties have produced for the nation of Afghanistan may not be observed in any other country under the domination of religious fascism.

Due to chaos, vandalism and mad power struggle, there is not a central government and no diplomatic mission in Kabul. The so-called "Shora-e-Hal-o-Aqd" (it is an Arabic term completely alien to our people) in which even a single woman was not present, was too forged and unrepresentative to solve the least problem. Regarding the obscurantist, anti-freedom and anti-democracy nature of the Kabul pseudo-government it is suffice to say that the "minister for construction affairs" shamelessly calls the husbands of employed women "procurers"; Rassol Sayaf talks about the elimination of all intellectuals and wants even the mosques destroyed for their "un-Islamic designs"; the "minister for information and culture" enjoys book burning celebration; and other "high-ups" of this medieval-minded regime name the schools "the doors of hell" and television as "the Satanic box".

Unless the fundamentalist groups are unarmed and brought down from the power, the current treacherous wars will continue with still more intense and spread which obviously make the reconstruction of our devastated Afghanistan impossible. Therefore those who according to the benefits of their own hireling parties are trying to reconciliate the fascist and deeply anti-freedom fundamentalists to enable them to rule more rapaciously over Afghanistan, are never considered friends but the most dangerous and hypocrite enemies of our people. Any country which by this or that way supports any fundamentalist group, in fact commits an unforgivable treason against Afghanistan. The question in our country is not "peace and brotherhood" among the fundamentalist vultures, the question is to end the domination and influence of these vultures in the political and social affairs of Afghanistan. We believe that if the dirty wound of fundamentalism is not thrown away from the body of Afghanistan, its blood and pus will never leave the neighbouring countries and especially the ECO members unhurt.

In the name of freedom, in the name of democracy, in the name of humanity and in the name of indignation, hatred and resistance of our bereaved people against fundamentalism, we ask you respected delegates — if your governments have not been stigmatised because of helping any fundamentalist group — that you must pay heed to the main cause of the present situation in Afghanistan and then effectively use your good offices to ensure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our motherland and establishment of peace, freedom and democracy in it.

Long live the establishment of a government based on free and fairly elections in an independent and united Afghanistan!



Celebrate the 8th March by intensifying struggle against the fascist fundamentalists

In April 1992, the fundamentalist vultures once again destroyed the country and turned it especially our beautiful Kabul into a horrifying house of mourning by pounding it with rockets. As predicted, now the people of Afghanistan are experiencing most gloomy days than the days under the Soviets or their puppets. The fire of ethnic and religious conflicts has been fanned unprecedentedly which has jeopardized the very integrity of the country. These demagogic and power-hungry criminals are committing every treason and rascality under the guise of Islam. But our nation knows that they are as much treacherous to their own nationality and religious sect as they are to others.

The anti-democracy and anti-woman nature of the fundamentalists revealed from the very outset. When the residents of Kabul were suffering from famine, hunger, high inflation, lack of water, electricity and security, and when even the so-called president was griping for a cup of coffee, the "Islamic government" regarded its immediate task to remove the women from radio , television, other offices and impose "Islamic veil" on them.

Since almost one year, the dirty fundamentalists have done so much injustice and atrocities against our people and especially our women that no bloodsucker of history is a match for them. They are kidnaping young women and girls; many young girls have been beheaded by their fathers or brothers lest the "jehadis" may lay hands on them; many women on the charge of marriage with "infidels" have been forcefully separated from their husbands; on to save their honor from these swinish criminals, hundreds of helpless girls have committed suicide; even aged mothers have not been left unharmed. In short, gangraping young women, teenager girls and boys has become a daily fun of these dishonored fanatics.

Keeping in view the beastliness of the fundamentalist groups, the entire patriotic tribes of Afghanistan will unite and decisively arise against the new aggressors as they did against the Soviet occupants. The fundamentalist traitors want to impose themselves on the masses under the thick guise of Islam. But our Muslim masses will fight them even for defending Islam. The anti-fundamentalist forces of Afghanistan must understand that infighting among the "jehadis" are stemming from their unparalleled lust for power, therefore any kind of cease-fire or compromise among them although in the lap of their foreign godfathers, is merely buying time to reinforce and start fiercer and decisive wars. The savage elements who have reneged on their Quranic pledges in Makka, how can be expected to honor other accords? Importantly, if these pathologically ambitious traitors come to an agreement, then our people will achieve peace and happiness? The fundamentalists will definitely continue to be indulged in war, crimes and destruction unless and until

their foreign masters are fed up with them. Making government and dividing portfolios among a handful of treacherous murderers by Pakistani, Saudi Arabian and Iranian authorities, is nothing but a shameful interference in the affairs of Afghanistan and the worst insult to our nation.

It is up to the anti-fundamentalist forces to stand up and no longer allow the religious terrorists to tighten their bloody grips over the destiny of our homeland and people.

On the occasion of Women's Day, RAWA ask all the Afghan bereaved women to join democracy-loving organizations and firmly fight the dirty fundamentalists. Under the fundamentalists the integrity of the country and dignity and honor of our men, women, young girls and boys would never be secured and saved, and destitution and infinite sorrow would perpetuate.

RAWA, congratulating the Women's Day to all women especially to the women of neighboring countries, categorically points out that deadly germ of fundamentalism will engulf the region unless its fatal spread is blocked in Afghanistan. In order to flutter the flag of freedom and democracy over Afghanistan and her neighboring countries, understanding and strengthening solidarity among the anti-fundamentalist forces and first of all the democratic-minded women's organizations, is the need of the hour.

Death to the terrorist fundamentalists, these arch-enemies of freedom, democracy and women!

Long live national unity of all Afghan patriotic nationalities against the new-comer puppets!

We Afghan women, celebrate the International Women's Day by intensifying our anti-fundamentalist struggle!

Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan

8th March 1993

Afghan women urged to unite against fundamentalists

THE NEWS
March 10, 1993

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) has held the fundamentalists responsible for the bloodshed and political instability in Afghanistan.

RAWA in its declaration on the occasion of the International Women's Day urged the women, especially those who suffered at the hands of the fundamentalists since April 1992, to join the democratic organisations to fight these elements. It said their dignity and honour would never by protected under the rule of fundamentalists.

RAWA in its declaration, predicted that the fundamentalists would continue to indulge in war crimes and destruction unless and until their foreign masters are fed up with them.

It felt the fundamentalist traitors wanted to be imposed on the masses under the guise of Islam. It further accused the fundamentalists of having abducted boys and girls and gang raping.

It claimed that the infighting among the "Jehadis" stemmed from their unparalleled lust for power and therefore any kind of ceasefire or compromise courtesy their foreign godfathers was merely an attempt to buy time to reinforce and start afresh for the deceive war.

"The savage elements who have reneged on their Quranic pledges in Macca, how can they be expected to honour other accords", it asked.

It called upon all the Afghan brave women to join democracy-loving organisations and firmly fight against fundamentalism.

"In order to flutter the flag of freedom and democracy over Afghanistan and her neighboring countries, understanding and strengthening solidarity among the anti-fundamentalists forces and first of all the democratic-minded women's organisations is the need of the hour" it said.

Meanwhile, the RAWA held an impressive function in Quetta the other day, to observe the International Women's Day. Besides, the RAWA members, Pakistani men and women also attended the function.

The Frontier Post Tuesday, March 9, 1993

RAWA criticises role of fundamentalists in Afghanistan

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Pakistan OBSERVER Tuesday, March 9, 1993

RAWA asks Afghan women to fight against fundamentalists

OBSERVER REPORT
PESHAWAR

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The MUSLIM February 6, 1993

RAWA appeal to ECO ministers

STAFF REPORT

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The MUSLIM Tuesday, March 9, 1993

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ISLAMABAD, March 8: The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan has greeted women all over the world especially the women of the neighbouring countries on the occasion Women's Day

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The Nation TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993

RAWA observe Women's Day

ISLAMABAD (PR) - The Revolutionary Association of the Wom of Afghanistan (RAWA) held a me ing in Quetta, in connection w World Women Day on Tuesd Besides RAWA members the me ing was attended by the Pakist women and men.

The first speaker was Miss Sab Rafique who spoke in Pushto ab women day's importacne a history. She was followed by M Samia Daud who has recently turned from Kabul. In her speech s spoke in length about the atrociti

INTERNATIONAL THE NEWS February 6, 1993

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Bureau Report

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The Frontier Post. Saturday February 6, 1993

'We must liberate ourselves from fundamentalism'

From Zafarullah Khan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 5: They have the realisation that they hail from the most undeveloped country of the world yet their democratic yearning convince them to say, "we must liberate ourselves from fundamentalism ... rifice our lives"

Afghanistan. "They have distorted the concept of secularism which is not the negation of religion rather it is the vanguard of religion and other civil liberties", speak... sised and ... Tah...

THE PAKISTAN TIMES Saturday, February 6, 1993

Death anniversary of RAWA leader observed

By Maqbool Malik

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 5: The sixth death anniversary of Kishwar Kamal (Meena), founder leader of the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) was observed here on Thursday with a pledge to continue the struggle till the establishment of democratic order in ...hanistan. ...ding men and ...butes to the late ...waged her ...ice for free... ...ive urg... ...nents ...mov... ...to g... ...co... ...lar... ...si...



Pakistan Observer, Friday, February 5, 1993

6th anniversary of RAWA's founder celebrated

By MUNIR AHMED
ISLAMABAD

A function to observe the 6th anniversary of martyrdom of Meena fou...

fundamentalists. Rape, executions, torture and detent... becomin...

Friday MUSLIM March 5, 1993

Ishrat Hyatt

If anyone walked into the hall when the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) were having their meeting a few weeks ago, they would have thought they were walking into a meeting of some religious party. All the women present were conservatively dressed, most had their heads covered. The men sported

democracy." There were others of the same sort showing how opposed the people present in the hall were to the obscurantist elements that are trying to take over their country.

The occasion was the dea... anniversary of Meena, founder of RAWA, wh... put to death, accord... poster, by the Kh... fundamentalists ... above this, the s...

I'll never return

I'm the woman who has awoken
I've arisen and become a tempest through the ashes...
I've arisen from the rivulets of my brothers' ...
My nation's wrath has empowered me
...ed and burnt villages repleted me wi...
...no longer regard me as weak ...
...who has awoken, ...

The Frontier Post Friday, February 5, 1993

Tributes paid to refugee woman

From ZAFARULLAH KHAN

ISLAMABAD — Speakers paid tributes to late Sister Meena, ... of the Revolution... of the ...

Meena established a hospital, a ...house, a working place, two schools in ... of ref... woman).

...silence is making the ... talists wilder ... tortu...

Pakistan OBSERVER Pakistan Observer, Saturday, January 30, 1993

..., others to attend Meena's anniversary

in 1979 and organised numerous processions and meetings in the schools, colleges, universities and mobilised the public opinion.

For the first time the activists of RAWA arranged protest meetings and took out processions from the front of infame prison Pule Charkhi. Various ladies received injuries in clashes with the communist regime forces and a number of RAWA members were put behind the bar ... A conside...

...eader of opposi... ...tional Assembly, ...m Wali Khan, parlia... leader of ANP in the Assembly and other lead... women of the country and abroad will participate in the 6th martyrdom anniversary of Sister Meena, the late founding leader of Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), scheduled to be held on ...rsday at 3 pm at Islamabad ..., Islamabad. Deputy chair... Senate ... Noor ...ai will be th...

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RAWA leader's death anniversary on Feb. 4

...Our Correspondent

...SHAWAR — Revolutionary ...ociation of Women of ...hanistan will observe the 6th ...th anniversary of its founding ...ader Meena on February 4. The RAWA exists in Quetta, capital of Balochistan province, but its activists and members work underground in various cities and towns of the country. The RAWA also enjoy support of the peace lovers and patriotic Afghans at international level.

For commemorating services of Meena Kishwar Kamal, the ...ill arrange a function in ...lamabad Hotel on ... Dr Noor Jehan ...son, of ...

The Nation FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1993

RAWA flays Mujahideen for killing Afghans

From Our Correspondent

PESHAWAR — Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), while expressing grave concern over current uncertain situation in Afghanistan, has demanded for ...of the majority of

in the last 14 years, she remarked.

Answering to a question, the RAWA leader said that the ongoing Afghan conflict will be resolved in minutes if the world ignores these so-called leaders. She was of the firm belief that the traditional *loya jirga* in its first sitting can provide genuine, patriotic and competent leadership ... She added that

jirga.

She also said that they would not allow both Khalq and Parcham to play their role in future of the country. Leaders and members of these factions could join other political forces, she added.

When diverted her attention towards offer of King Fahad to the Mujahideen leaders to find a peaceful ...ment to the issue, she said that ...

Kabul has become a hell

Refugees speak of lawlessness in Kabul

By S Z TAIZI

Two Pakistanis who have returned, after the recent ceasefire was effected between Kabul administration and Hizb-i-Islami, told nerve-wracking stories of the destruction of Kabul city. Talking to this scribe, they said that Kabul had not accummulated so much destruction during the past 14 years as it had done now in one quarter of an year of the mujahideen rule. The life has become unbearable. Prices are beyond the reach of a common man. Water and power supplies are disrupted frequently. The hungry and thirsty people are staggering around for life. They can not form an idea as to what is happening. Every man would tell his own story and unfold his own imagination. On the whole, Kabul city has become a hell.

According to them, non-Pakhtuns, mainly Uzbek, are in control of Kabul City. They insult and harm Pakhtuns, if they survive. Their treatment with Pakhtun captives is inhuman. The interviewees had also faced harsh and intolerable insults of non-Pakhtuns on several occasions.

As regard the sectarian clashes between Ittehadi Islami and Hizbi Wahdat, they said that they were in Kabul when the clashes took place. The forces of the administration, mainly from Sunni sects, had also joined Ittehadi Islami in attacks on Shia populations of Chandawal and Kota-i-Sangi in Kabul city. Thousands of peole, mostly Shia, had been killed in those clashes. However, the Shia community, now feeling its weakness, sticks to government side for survival and not pressing for demands of disproportionate share, for which they are bolstered by Iran.

The Frontier Post .

Sep.5,1992

The essence of "shora-e-hal-o-aqd"

By FAISAL QAZI

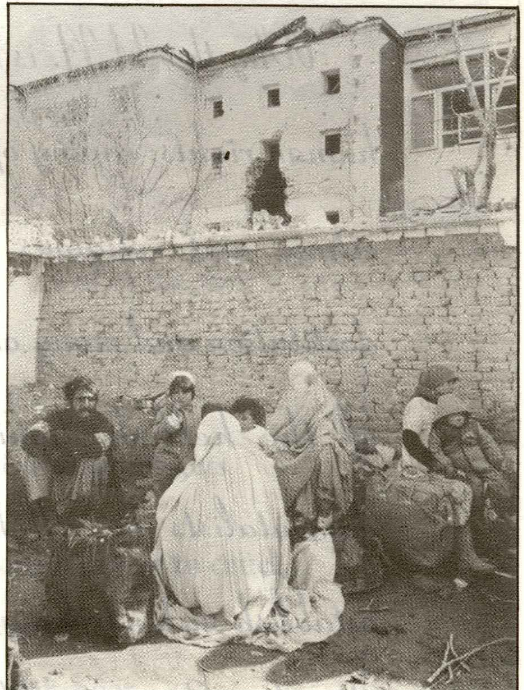
Delegates of the Afghan shoora Hal-o-Aqd are on sale. According to reports from Afghan capital, the organisers of the proposed shoora are offering from two lakh to one million afghanis each to these leaders in order to make them attend the meeting of the shoora and endorse the decision of the ruling party.

Meanwhile, four delegates to the proposed shoora rushed back to Peshawar on Tuesday after the recurrence of violence in Afghan capital. These include Abdul Raziq, Zahir Khan and Abdul Aziz Qadri from Jaji, the name of the fourth delegate could not be ascertained. One of these delegates while confirming the reports of horse-trading before the meeting of the proposed shoora, said, "we have decided not to participate in the filthy business, they are violating the true spirit of jehad and now the leaders of Afghanistan are openly offering money to those who matter in the shoora in order to muster their support."

The amount allegedly offered to the delegates varies according to their status. This business of buying and selling loyalties is paving way for another disputed decision in Afghanistan, the political observers believe.

The Frontier Post

December 23, 1992



"They are dogs - they pretend to be Muslims but they are noth ing,"

AFP-photo

Is the European blood thicker than Afghans??

The U.N. voted to establish a war-crimes tribunal to try those accused of human rights abuse in the former Yugoslavia.

The people of Afghanistan cry out:

Why the U.N. is keeping quite toward trampling human rights; raping of women, girls and boys; bloody ethnic and religious wars; looting, destruction, destitution and many other hair-raising consequences of the hellish domination of the fascist fundamentalists in Afghanistan?? Why it does not establish such a tribunal to try these barbaric fanatics??

Is the European blood thicker than Afghans??

The infamous "champions of Islam" who speak only in the language of guns,

in action



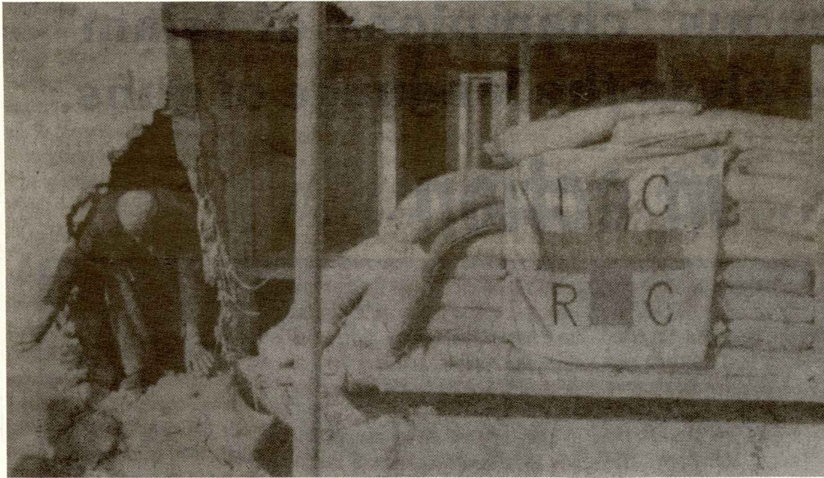
Three young Afghans, Mohammad Gul (L), Sher Sikandar (C) and Mohammad Rafiq are hanged by the government of Afghanistan in Kabul on Monday. Eight others also sentenced to death are expected to be executed in the next few days.—AFP photo

Article 5

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment.

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An Afghan employee of the orthopaedic center of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) climbs out of the Red Cross building via a hole in the wall caused by a long-range 122mm rocket which was fired by rival mujahideen. The building was attacked after a new ceasefire was declared at midday Sunday.—AFP photo



A young Afghan girl and her sister sit in despair, in Kabul, in the remains of their house hit by rockets. Their father was killed and six family members were badly injured when a rocket landed in the house during recent factional fighting.

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A useless struggle to attain power in Kabul rendered homeless many habitants of the city. The boy in the picture is injured in a rocket attack on Kabul. The boy is in pain as his father lifts him from the bed.

Exported government

What Pakistan offered in the form of the Peshawar Accord was an inadequate compact imposed on reluctant parties, which assumed an understanding among the mujahideen factions while none of it existed. The government exported from Peshawar had no means to guarantee peace and even if it could achieve that, it promised the Afghan people nothing, but regression in politics, economy and culture.

. . . .

All these factions comprise the most conservative elements of the Afghan society, who speak only in the language of guns. They have been greatly dehumanised by the brutalising experience of a decade-long war. It will be quite some time before their thirst for bloodshed is quenched.

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And now these dehumanized fascists and cheap by poerites are being imposed again on Afghanistan. This is amockery of our nation.

This is sprinkling salt on the wounds of our nation.

"Jehadi brothers" are kissing each other today and cut each other's throats tomorrow.

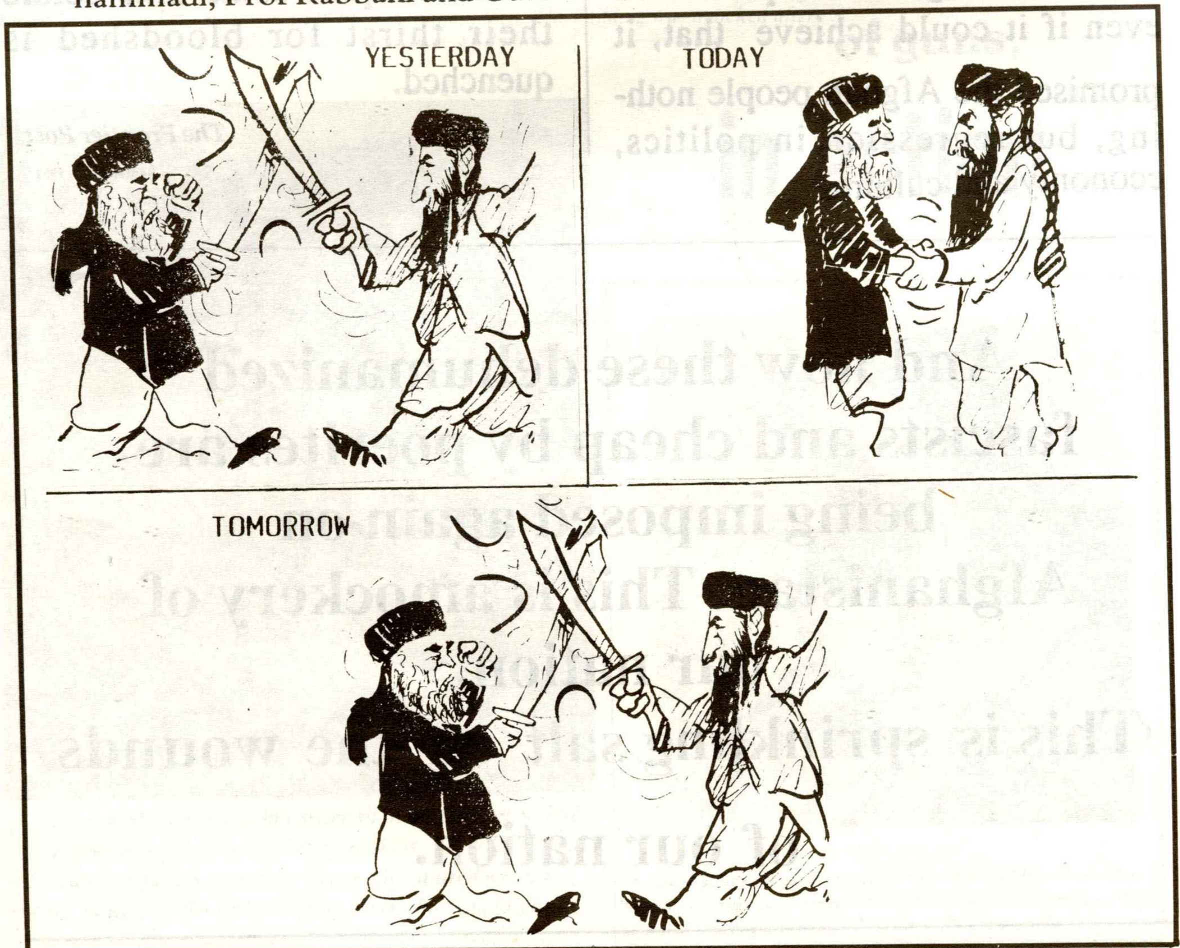
THE Afghan President, Prof Burhanuddin Rabbani has confirmed a report saying that he has arrived at a peace agreement with leader of the Hizb-e-Islami Afghanistan Gulbadin Hekmatyar.

According to a statement issued by the Afghan Vice President Maulvi Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, Prof Rabbani and Gulbadin Hekmatyar shook hands and kissed each other during the talks.

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To another question Hekmatyar said that Rabbani was his brother and he was happy to work with him.

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The question in our country

is not

creating "peace and brotherhood"

among the fundamentalist vultures;

the question is

to end the domination

and influence of these

vultures in the political affairs

of Afghanistan.

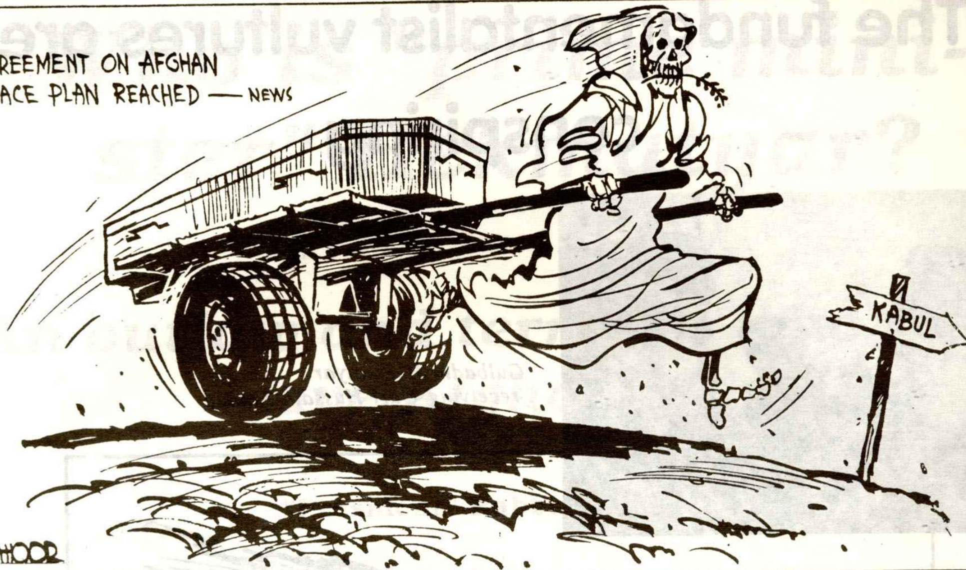
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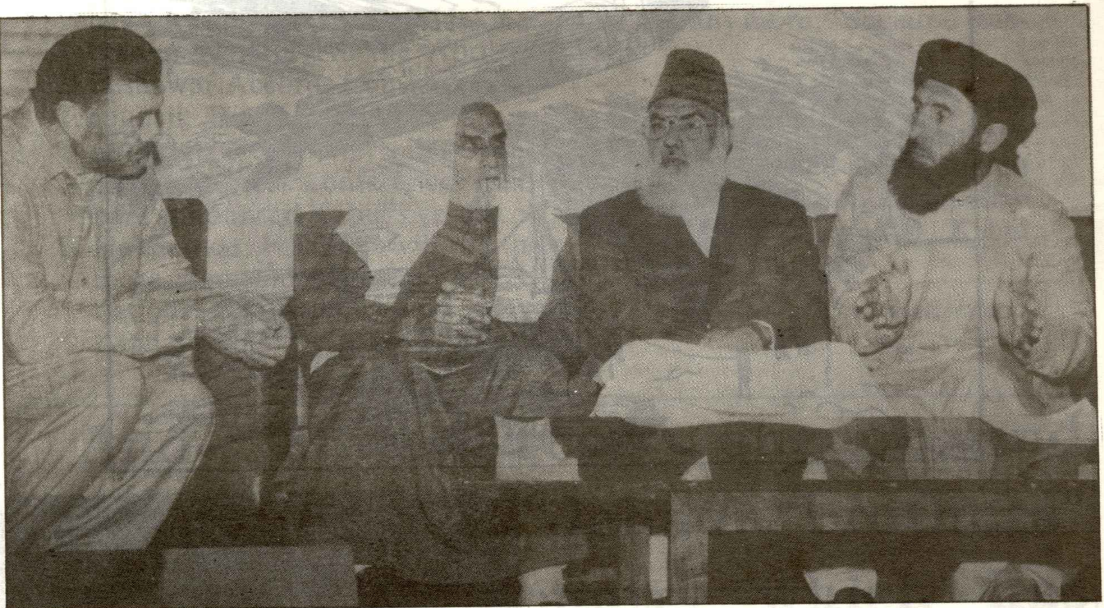


From L to R, foreground: Pakistani Minister for Labour Ijazul Haq, Afghan Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masood, Mujahideen leader Gulbadin Hekmatyar and Saudi mediator



'I don't see anything here we can't live with.'





Jama'at-i-Islami chief, Qazi Hussain Ahmad (second from R) discussing the implementation of Islamabad accord with Gulbadin Hekmatyar in Jalalabad on Thursday. Also seen in the picture are the leaders of Islamic Movement in Switzerland (L) and Egypt's Akhwanul Muslmeen (second from L).—FP photo

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Gulbadin Hekmatyar receiving Qazi Hussain Ahmad





Qazi Hussain Ahmad chief of Jamaat-i-Islami, meets with Ahmad Shah

Who is "prime minister" Hekmatyar?

An outlaw and terrorist who must leave Afghanistan!

"President" Rabbani has said:

On August 16 the angered Afghan president expelled Hekmatyar, a signatory to the April 24 Peshawar Accord, from the ruling council. Rabbani labelled him as an "outlaw" and "terrorist". At a crowded press conference, Rabbani announced Kabul's verdict on Hekmatyar. "There will be no more compromises, no more negotiations. Gulbuddin must leave Afghanistan. We have tolerated him long enough. We cannot tolerate him any more," declared Rabbani.

Islamabad has also been a recipient of the Afghan president's rage. He has hurled accusations at Islamabad for "supporting Hizb forces to sabotage the Kabul government."

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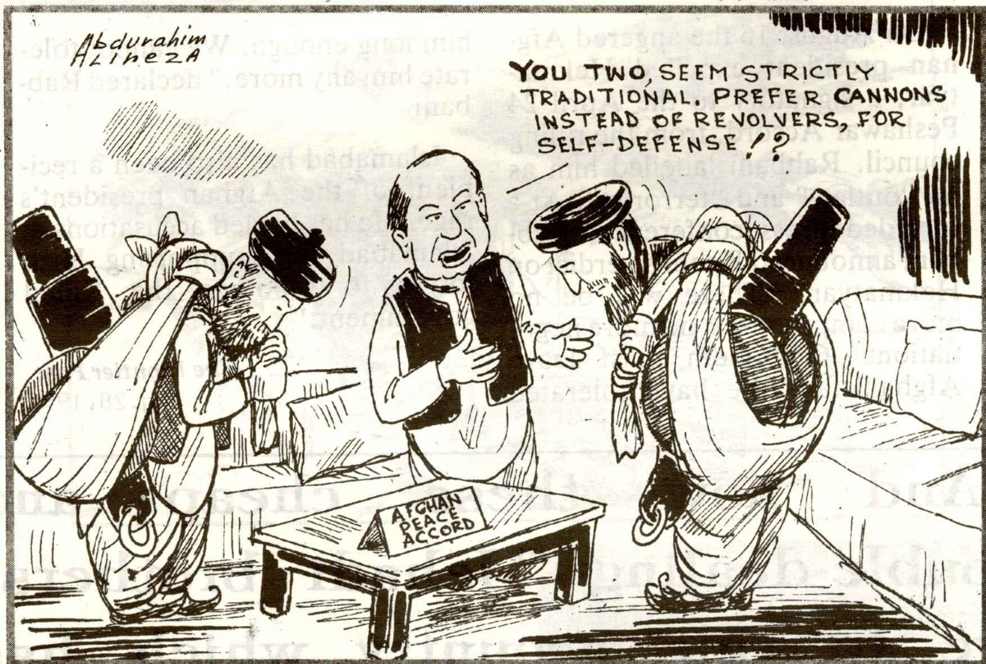
And now these cheap and double-dealing "Jehadi brothers" are to rule acountry which has already been turned into a vast graveyard by their treacherous infighting.

The traitors and terrorists are being rewarded

Rahimullah Yusufzai

Another outcome of the Islamabad Accord as many Afghans pointed out was that those who could kill the most were being rewarded. They felt Rabbani and Hekmatyar forces which had fought mostly against each other and were responsible for most of the killings and destruction of Kabul had now been rewarded with the best portfolios in the government. Isn't it an invitation to the others to practice such tactics in the hope of better rewards, they ask. The question definitely needs some soul-searching.

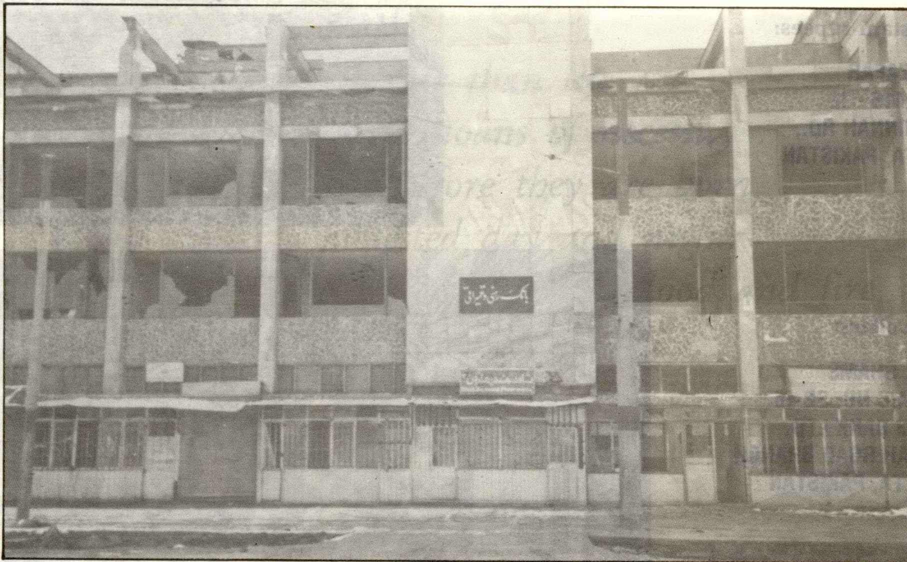
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Exporting a government headed by Hekmatyar to Afghanistan is the worst and an unforgivable insult to our nation

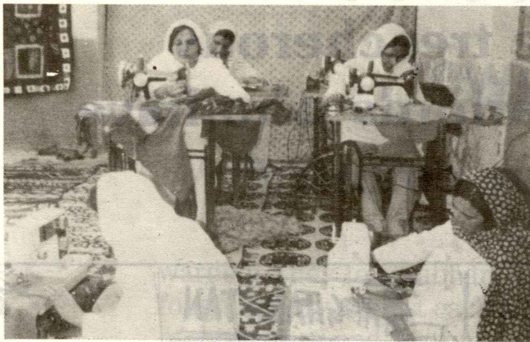
Down with the treacherous fundamentalist warlords who have shattered our country!





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A bank burnt and destroyed in "Jehadi" style





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And beauty.
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Beasts to prey.
What is your crime?
Pursuit of happiness and liberty.
Brutes garbed as men
Out to denude you of dignity.

Afghanistan envy of paradise,
Reduced to ashes by fire and fury
Fire that burnt the life, liberty,
Beauty and dignity.
Your bereaved Kabul where arson and
Rape reign supreme.
Where death is cheaper than life
Where life cries and moans of necessity
Where children die before they are born
Where chastity molested day and night.
Hills, valleys and lakes glow in blood and fire
Their elegance devastated by
The enemy of humanity
Fundamentalism.

Based on a poem for Kashmir

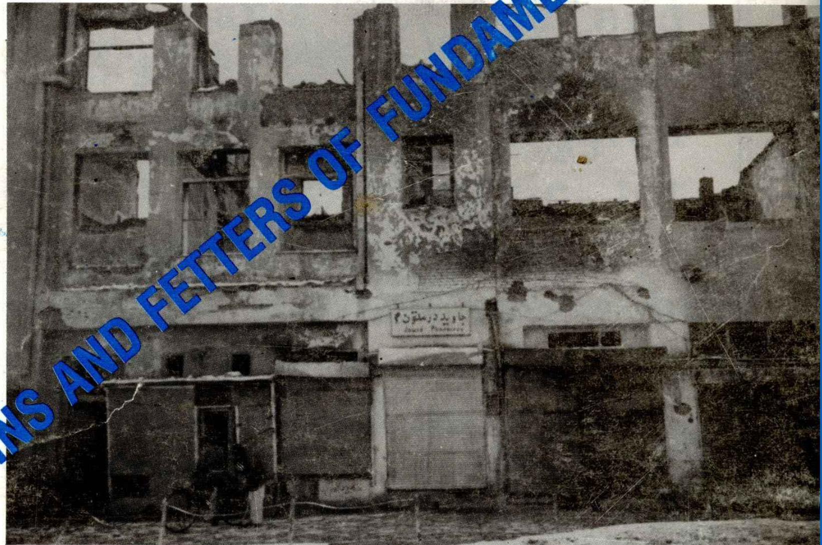


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